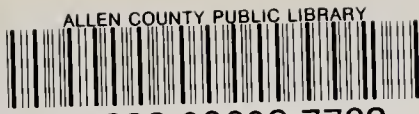


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The facts that we would like to know concerning them, such as the names of their wives and children, and where they started from, must come from some other source. Those who have made a study of the former residences of these people, state that many of them were from the provinces along the Rhine River, a region known as the Palatinate. Others were from Switzerland or Holland, and some were of French extraction whose families had lived for a generation or more in Switzerland, the Netherlands or the Palatinate. The Miniers were probably of the last group.

On September 26th, 1732 the Mary of London, John Gray, her Master arrived officially at Philadelphia. She had shipped from Rotterdam and stopped at Cowes. On this ship were Christian and John George Minier. Their names are found together on each of the lists required by the authorities at the landing of ship passengers. These lists are that of the Captain and the two lists showing that the head of each family landing had subscribed to the Oaths of Allegiance and of Adjuration. That of Allegiance promised to support King George of England and that of Adjuration was the signing of a statement that James was a Pretender and that the signer renounced any allegiance to him.

The names of the two Miniers who arrived on the Mary of London in September 1732 are found on these lists with their names spelled in the following ways:

Captain's List

Christian Mincer 28 years old
Hans Jerok Mincer 26 years old

Signers of the Oath of Allegiance

Christan Miner x
Hance Jerreok Miner x

Signers of the Oath of Adjuration

Christian Minier x
Hans George Minier x

(Penna. German Pioneers by Strassburger and Hinko, 1934,
Vol.1 Lists 25 a, 25 b, 25 c)

The Captain's list was usually not made out by the captain of a ship, but was the duty of the first or second mate. The Oaths were taken in the old court house in Philadelphia before clerks. Most of the names on the lists show that they were spelled by sound. This is especially true of unusual German names, with the result that there are many curious entries.

The descendants of Christian who was 28 years old in 1732 will have to have a later tracing. His name early became written in some records as Christian Miller, probably as an interpretation of the French word "meunier" (miller) and the establishment as his of the proper records among those of the other Christian Millers of that period is a problem needing time and research. Miller is one of the very common names found in Pennsylvania records. In the following account of Hans George Minier no entries where the last name was found as Miller have been included. However it should be stated that there are such records in connection with his first place of settlement in Pennsylvania- at Conestoga.

MILLER



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Conestoga valley near the present town of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, was found to be the first home of Hans George Minier through church records. Descendants of the family in Big Flats said that the early Miniers had been connected with the Moravian Church at Bethlehem in Pennsylvania. And filed in the Archives of that Church was found much about the family that otherwise would not be known. (Hans) George Minier joined a congregation of this Church in 1745 when it was formed in his neighborhood in Lancaster County. By this time his oldest son, John, was 15 years old. The Church records refer to Hans George as, George, showing as do the records for land, that he had by that time dropped the Hans or John, doubtless because his son was known by that name.

Here in Conestoga, a daughter was born into Georg Minier's family three months after the family landed at Philadelphia. Two more children were born here before the 1737 warrant for land on Tulpehooken Creek northwest of the present town of Reading was purchased.

Hans George Minnier of Lancaster County bought a "warrant for 150 acres Dec. 21, 1737

Hans Georg Minheer of Lancaster County bought a warrant for 50 acres Mar. 10, 1742 "adjoining his other land"

George Mineer of Lancaster County bought a warrant for land in the same township (Heidelberg) as the two above and adjoining" the Hedrick farm" Jan. 29, 1749

The Survey Books at Harrisburg show the location of the first two of these warrants, and the third is included as land "adjoining the Hedrick" place when in October 1750 Hans Georg Minheer sold the warrants to Michael Keiser to whom the land was patented at a later date.

(Penna. Archives, Series 3, Vol. 24, pages 469, 472, 480.

Survey Books at Harrisburg, Book C, Vol. 122, page 216

Book A, Vol. 5, page 282

Phila. Patent Books, Vol. AA #3, page 526 }

The maps in the survey books show the exact location where George Minier made his home after leaving Conestoga. It was on the southerly side of Tulpehooken Creek with a smaller stream, Spring Creek, flowing northward through his first tract into the Tulpehooken. The place was then in the township of Heidelberg, Lancaster County, and is now in the same township in Berks County. It is less than ten miles northwest of Reading on Route 83, near a small place called Pleasant Valley. In the angle between the two creeks is now a small lake, called Fox Lake, that since it is not found on the old survey maps, may have been formed in such a place as to cover the site of his home there.

The first appearance of the Germans in the Tulpehooken Valley is interesting, although it happened before the Miniers had arrived and has a bearing on their lives only in the introduction of the Moravians to this valley. Going back to the year 1710 the early

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German movement from the Palatine was directed toward Livingstone Manor in the Colony of New York. Within three years the majority of the settlers had made a removal from this Manor on the Hudson to the Schoharie River Valley, some 40 miles west of Albany. Trouble ensued here over land titles, because the land had been occupied on the promise of Indian Chiefs in London to representatives of the group, and the authorities in Albany had not been informed of the arrangement. After a few years the land, by then cleared and improved by the Germans, was sold by Gov. Robert Hunter of New York to seven wealthy landlords of Albany and New York. These men, in turn, sold to others than the Germans. To those who had settled around Stone Arabia, a few patents were given after Gov. Hunter had been recalled to England. The others either could not get title at all or were asked to buy their land at the seller's price from the new owners. Some of the Germans had heard of fertile land in the valleys south of the Blue Mountains in Pennsylvania and so in 1723 a group of them decided to remove their families from the Schoharie Valley to the south. In order to do this they cut a road through the forest from the Schoharie to the upper course of the East Branch of the Susquehanna River. Once there they could float their goods and families on rafts downstream. At the mouth of the Swatara, they were south of the formidable ridge of the Blue Mountains, and from that point they spread eastward into the Tulpehocken Valley.

Thus was made the trail later used by the Moravians on their journeys into the Indian-held country of Central New York.

The first road connecting the Tulpehocken with places to the east was laid out in 1727 and was known as the Great Tulpehocken Road. This "high road was to begin at the Lutheran Meeting House on the Tulpehocken and end in ye High Road at ye Quaker Meeting House near George Boone's Mill in Oley" where it joined the great road to Philadelphia. (George Boone was a brother of Daniel Boone of Kentucky fame. It was also to this region that there came as a settler from Monmouth County, New Jersey, Mordecai Lincoln, the great great grandfather of Abraham Lincoln)

George Minier's home on Tulpehocken Creek was near Womelsdorf which became a stopping place for the Moravian missionaries who had started from their headquarters in Saxony to go to the Mission they had established at Shamokin on the Susquehanna (now Sunbury). Before starting the trail that led to Shamokin, these missionaries often preached at Womelsdorf and it finally came about that there was formed in this neighborhood a group wishing to be apart of the Moravian Church. George Minier was one of this group. The year before the congregation was formally installed, one of the neighbors donated land for a church and parsonage. This church, in the eastern part of the township, is now called the North Heidelberg Union Church. Its graveyard was laid out by the Moravians, and in it doubtless lies Maria Catharina Meyer Minier, George Minier's first wife, who died "in the early part of the year 1745 aged---" according to the Moravian Church records.

Register of the Members of the Moravian Church
1727-1754

(Translation by W.C.Reichel in Vol.1, Parts 7,8,9, page 406
in the Moravian Historical Society Publications)

The first Moravian Congregation in the Rural
Districts of the Province was the one organized
in Heidelberg 9 April 1745 by Bishop Spangenberg.
The members were:

Beckel, G.F. and Ann Elizabeth, wife
Beckel, Tobias and Christina, wife
Brecht, Stephen and Elizabeth, wife
Fischer, Sr. John and Sybilla, wife
Fischer, Jr. John and Ann M. wife
Gerhard, Frederic and Barbara, wife
Glas, Nicholas and Mary Ann, wife
Graeter, Jacob and Barbara, wife
Keller, John, widower
Meyer, John and Margaret, wife
Minier, George, widower
Zerbe, John and Elizabeth, wife

Since George Minier was so early a member of the Moravian Church in Pennsylvania, the history of the church is of interest. The Moravians must not be included among the many peculiar sects of those times. Of all the religious bodies that came to Pennsylvania in the days of German pioneering, the Moravians alone professed to come for missionary purposes. And as far as sectarianism is concerned, the English Church as early as 1749 recognized the Moravians as a Protestant Episcopal denomination.

Although their proper name was Unitas Fratrum or United Brethren, so many of the early members had once lived in that part of Europe called Moravia, that they came to be known better as Moravians. Their first group had originated in Upper Lusatia, Saxony, in a village belonging to Lewis, the Count Zinzendorf. In 1735, through the efforts of the Count, a small congregation came to this country and settled near the Ogeeche River on land granted to them by the Colony of Georgia. In 1737 another settlement had been made at Savannah, also in Georgia. However by 1738 both of these places were abandoned because of attacks made upon them by the Spaniards from Florida, who as Catholics, did not wish to see Protestant settlements nearby. Those Moravians who survived went to Pennsylvania. Here in 1742, the Count met the Deputies of the Six Indian Nations at Tulpehooken, and was given a belt of wampum which signified the assent of the Indians to the missionary plans of the Brethren. That same year, before the Count returned to Europe, he gave the Lenapi Chiefs who claimed the place, what they had fixed as their price for the huts, peach orchard and patch of cultivated land at Bethlehem.

This settlement at Bethlehem was started as an OEconomy or a species of communism with property rights administered by the Church. The school, where a study of Indian tongues was made, was established at the same time. The Indians, at first suspicious, gradually became friendly and the Moravian influence among them grew slowly and surely until the beginning of the French and Indian Wars when circumstances beyond the control of the Moravians made their missionary efforts a source of danger to themselves from both sides of the warring factions. Their knowledge of and sympathy for the Indians at first made the other settlers feel that the Moravians might be drawn into an alliance with the French. But when the Indians finally struck at the settlers, tribes from farther north showed no discrimination. Moravians and Englishmen were killed side by side if they lived in the outpost regions.

In the Moravian Church Library at Bethlehem where the Church Archives are kept, there are Diaries beginning in 1742 that were written by the ministers of the Church. They relate with great detail the history not only of Moravian Church affairs but also of the town and country from day to day. Many have never been printed after translation from the German script, so difficult to read. In the publications of the Moravian Historical Society some of these accounts and records have had their translations printed. However the records on the next pages concerning George Minier are ones found and translated for us in March 1942 by Kenneth J. Hamilton, Assistant Archivist, and are not to be found in the printed publications.

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Bethlehem, Pa

Archives of the Moravian Church

Translation of page nine in the Kirchenbuch des Gemeinleins
Jesu in Heidelberg

George Minier

Born in Muzelsasse near Heidelberg in the Palatinate. His father was Christian Minier, citizen of Muzelsasse and his mother Anna Rosine, m.n. Gengelbach.

United in marriage in the year 1728 on the 28th of November, I. with the spinster Catharina, legitimate daughter of Ulrich Meyer, citizen of Michelfeld in the Palatinate, and of his wife Elizabeth. From this wedlock issued the following children:

1. Johannes, born on the 11th of February, new style, 1730, at Michelfeld in the Palatinate; was baptized in the church of that place by the pastor then in charge; his sponsors were: Hans Juncker and his wife.

2. Elisabeth, born in Canastota in Lancaster County, in Pennsylvania, on the 24th of December, old style, 1732. Was baptized by Peter Müller, a Reformed preacher in the home in January 1833. Her sponsors were Philip Boyer and his wife Elisabeth.

3. Maria Catharina, born in Canastota, the 2nd of February, old style, 1734. Was baptized by Pastor Hook in the Reformed Church of that place; her sponsors were Johannes Schäffer of Canastota and his wife Maria Catharina.

4. Heinrich, born in Canastota, the 24th of December, old style, 1736. Was baptized by Pastor Hook in the Reformed Church of that place; the witnesses of baptism were Johannes Schäffer of Canastota and his wife Mar. Cath.

5. Catharina, born in Heidelberg, Lancaster County, on the 15th of September, 1740. Was baptized by Pastor Seifert in the Reformed Church in Bern Township; the witness of baptism was Catharina Hack.

This his first wife, Catharina, departed this life in the early part of the year, 1745, aged ---

and he was again united in marriage

II. with the spinster Marie Elisabeth, legitimate daughter of Weinert Strunk, citizen of Prendlingen, below Creuzenach, in the Palatinate, and his wife Catharina, by Philip Meurer, at that time Lutheran preacher at Tulpehooken in the Heidelberg Moravian Congregational House.

In which marriage they had the following children:

1. Christina, born in Heidelberg, on the 27th of June, old style, 1746, early in the morning of a Friday. She was baptized at 5 o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, the 23rd of July, old style, in a public service by Brother Leonard

Shnell; the witnesses of baptism were Theodora Neisser, Ann Elizabeth Beekel, Christina Beekel, Maria Margaretha Meyer and Maria Glat.

2. Christian, born 1747, on the 30th of September, old style on Wednesday, in Heidelberg; was thereafter baptized into the death of the Lord on the twenty-first Sunday after Trinity, the 8th of November, after the sermon by Brother Leonard Schnell. The witnesses of baptism were: Johannes Meyer, Tobias Beekel and Friedrich Gerhard.

3. Daniel, born on the 13th of October, 1749, in Heidelberg and was baptized into the death of the Lord Jesus in the Moravian Congregational House on the 25th of October, by Brother Friderich Cammerhof, Cebishop of the Moravian Brethern in America. The witnesses of baptism were Tobias Bökkel, Johannes Mejer, Friderich Gerhard, Peter Braun, Christian Rauch and Daniel Neibert.

4. Maria Elisabeth born in Heidelberg on Palm Sunday, the 31st of March, 1751 and thereupon baptized into the death of the Lamb on the 3rd of April of the same year by Brother Christ-Rauch. The witnesses of baptism were Barbara Book, Christina Bökkel, Barbara Frey, Maria Catharina Conrad, Maria Elisabeth Müller.

The same Church Book contains an entry for each of the four baptisms of the children by the second marriage. These entries differ from the record on page nine only in the following respects:

The record for Christina's baptism does not contain the names of Anna Elisabeth Beekel and Maria Glat among the witnesses of baptism.

The record of Daniel's baptism does not contain the names of Tobias Bökkel, Johannes Mejer and Christian Rauch among the witnesses of baptism; and Daniel Neibert here reads Daniel Neubert.

The record of Maria Elisabeth's baptism does not contain the names of Barbara Book and Barbara Frey among the witnesses.

(Translation of entry in the Marriage Register of the same Book)

1745 in May, there were united in marriage by Brother Philip Yeurer here in the Heidelberg Moravian Congregational House George Minier and Maria Elisabeth m.n. Strunk

Note by the translator: In Vol. 1 of the Transactions of the Moravian Society, page 380, a Mary E. Minier is mentioned as being over thirteen years old in 1748. Presumably this must be a reference to the second child by Georg Minier's first wife.

In a document entitled Memoirs of the Single Sisters, Younger Women and Older Girls (Lebenslaufe der Ledigen

Schwestern, Kleinen Junfern and Grossen Mädgen) Maria Elisabeth Minnier's name occurs on page 10. Here she is stated to be the daughter of Georg Minnier, a farmer in Menising, and of Maria Catharina, m.n. Meyer; reared by her parents for farm work; born in Connastoge January 5, 1732 and baptized as a child by the Reformed Church; came to Bethlehem June 1, 1744; received as a member in Bethlehem the 6th of January 1749; first communion in Bethlehem, February 2, 1749; converted by Brother Wagner in Heidelberg 1744.

The Moravian Church Book at Nazareth, Pennsylvania contains the following data:
Under records of marriages, No.7

David Kunz and single sister Elizabeth Minier were united in marriage on November 21st, 1762 by Brother Lembke. They had the following children:

John David Kunz born Friedansthäl near Nazareth, Feb. 20, 1764. He died Sept. 24 and was buried Sept. 26, 1770

Jacob Kunz born Nov. 3, 1767 and baptized the same day. He died Nov. 9, 1767

Maria Elisabeth Kunz born June 9, 1769 and baptized the following day

Maria Elisabeth Minier Kunz died on June 26, 1769 at 6 a.m. in Gnadensthal near Nazareth. Cause of death was fever following upon childbirth. She was buried the same day by Brother Lembke. The record contains a brief memoir from which the following data are abstracted. She was born Jan. 5, 1732 in Connestoga, Province of Pennsylvania. She became acquainted with the Wagners in Heidelberg, and thus was drawn into fellowship with the Moravians. On June 2, 1745, she came to Bethlehem then aged 13. On Jan. 6, 1749 she was received as a member of the Church, being admitted to the Holy Communion on February 2, 1749. She was aged 37 years, 5 months and 2 days at death.

David Kunz later remarried, his second wife being the widow Maria Schulz m.n. Dominick. This marriage was performed by Brother Lembke on Sept. 22, 1782. David Kunz died at the age of 73 years, 5 months and 10 days on Dec. 9, 1797 in Nazareth. Cause of death was pneumonia. He had been born in Zauchtenthal, Moravia on June 29, 1724

(Translation of "A Brief Account of the Visit of Brother and Sister Graff in Danesbury, (Streudsburg) and Friedensthal at Heeth's beyond the Blue Mountains on December 16-23, 1754)

Tuesday December 17, We started very early from Nazareth

for Danesbury. Beyond the Blue Mountains John Mac^Kmichael met us who spoke to us at once, and begged that we might stop at his house, for his wife would be pleased. We did not, however proceed that way but toward Abraham Miller's place. The former wife of Miller, now the wife of ? accompanied us to Menier's place, whither we really wished to go. Of her children we met only the oldest by chance in the woods. We spoke to the child, but it acted in a reserved manner. The second child, Elisabeth, she kept in the background purposely, and indicated to us that she would not be willing to entrust the three children to the brother, - Joseph Miller. We encouraged her to do this, as they would be better cared for with him than with her.

At Menier's place our visit gave special pleasure. He began, at once to confess concerning the present state of his heart, - that matters were not always as clear and bright with him as when he had been with the Heidelberg congregation, but that he held to the Saviour as well as he could, and that the church was ever of importance to him, even though it might abandon him altogether. He knew very well by his moving hither he had been obliged to give up much, but had been obliged by necessity to do so, and more along the same line. One felt that he was making honest and straightforward confession. His wife looks like a member of the congregation, continuing to wear the sister's dress-cap. She did not speak much, but her tear-moist eyes testified that she is of the same mind as her husband. They have the following children:-

Henry: born December 1732, in Conewago, baptized by Pastor Miller. This young man was going into the woods just as we arrived. The father assured us concerning him that he still loves the Brethern and Sisters.

Catharine: about fourteen years of age. A wide-awake girl, who also loves the Brethern and Sisters. She accompanied us, at night, to Culver's, and did it very gladly.

Christina Barbara: born June 24, 1746. Baptized by Brother Schnell.

Christian: born about Michaelmas, 1747. Baptized by Christian Henry.

Daniel: born about Michaelmas, 1749. Baptized by Cammerhof. This one thinks much of and talks much about Brother Neubert, who is his sponsor.

Elisabeth: born March 31, 1751. Baptized by Christian Henry.

Lorenz: born February 1753. Baptized by the Lutheran Pastor Schwenk.

These children were all cordial and affectionate, were glad to talk with us concerning the Saviour, recited stanzas for us; These parents are careful in the training of their children, - one could see, - and they are minded, so far as they are able, to rear their children for the Saviour. We told them something of our last visit in Heidelberg, and in the country round about, upon which their eyes were almost continuously tearful.

Menier's own sister, who is married to the smith (or Schmidt)

two or three miles beyond Nazareth was here on a visit. She told us concerning her children that they would gladly go to Nazareth, but could attend none of the meetings. They prayed and sang often at home, and the smallest one prayed that the dear Saviour might come into her heart and never leave it again. We considered and wished that they might sometime be visited from Nazareth.

(The above translation was copied from "Dansbury Diaries," a manuscript translation and collection of various diaries taken from the Moravian Archives. The original from which the above excerpt was taken is to be found in the Bethlehem Diary, 1754)

In a letter from this same source, the Archives of the Moravian Church, the Assistant archivist states that the Dansbury Church Book apparently has been lost. At least in the Archives there is no record of its existence anywhere. If found it is possible that although the Dansbury Moravian Church was the nearest Moravian Church to the new home of George Minier on Cherry Creek, that even it was too far for them to attend regularly after 1751. It will be noted that the child Lorenz born in 1753 was baptized in the nearby Lutheran Church.

Summary

- 1 Christian Minier, a citizen of Elzelsasse near Heidelberg, Germany, married Anna Rosina Gengelbach;
Known children:
 - 11 Christian Minier b. about 1704
 - * 12 Hans George Minier b. about 1706 d. 1779 m. (1) Maria Catharina Meyer; (2) Marie Elisabeth Strunk
 - 13 a daughter (Catherine?) who m. (Peter?) Smith
ch. of 12 (Hans) George Minier by (1):
 - 121 Jahn Minier b. 2-11-1730 Michelfeld, Germany
 - 122 * Maria; - Elisabeth Minier b. 12-24-1732 Conestoga, Pa; m. D. Kunz
 - 123 Maria Catharina b. 2-2-1734 Conestoga, Pa.; m. ---
 - 124 Henry Minier b. Conestoga, Lancaster Co., Pa. 12-24-1736
 - 125 Catherine Minier b. Heidelberg, " " Pa. 9-15-1740; m. C. House
ch. of 12 (Hans) George Minier by (2):
 - 126 Christina Minier b. Heidelberg, Lancaster Co., Pa. 6-27-1746
 - 127 * Christian Minier b. " " " " 9-30-1747
m. Christianna Peck (Beck)
 - 128 * Daniel Minier b. Lancaster Co. Pa 11-13-1749 m. Polly Shafer ✓
 - 129 (Maria) Elisabeth b. " " " 3-31-1751 m. Jacob Deatrick
 - 12.10. Lorenz Minier b. Northampton Co., Pa. Feb. 1753
 - 12.11. * Abraham Minier b. " " " May 1762 d. 1843
m. (1) Anna Maria--- (2) Rachel---

* indicates further records

Northampton Co., Pennsylvania, land warrants as well as deeds and maps also show the appearance of George Minier by 1755 or before in this new home on Cherry Creek in Hamilton township of that county. The land he warranted there was once in Bucks County, then in Berks, then in Northampton and now in Monroe as the counties were formed or their boundaries changed. During most of George Minier's life there, it was in Northampton.

The reason for this move was evidently one of necessity and not one of choice, to judge from the tenor of the conversation between George Minier and the Moravians who visited his family in 1754. An historical account of the Tulpehocken valley which he left so reluctantly states that the Moravians had a firm foothold there until 1747 when "by reason of a wrong direction having been given them by rivals as to the lawful wording of a deed they lost a large part of their holdings". Records show that George Minier never went through the formality of having patented in his name the land for which he had bought warrants and had had surveyed in Lancaster County. When he sold his holding there it was a sale of land warrants, parts of which he had held over ten years, while he was living on the land.

The warrants for the new home in Northampton County are in the name of George Mynheer; the survey maps give the name as George Menear; and another old map of the owners of land in 1755 in Hamilton township show his name written as George Meiner. He probably first visited the Moravian settlement at Bethlehem and then decided to remove his family to that part of the country. His oldest daughter, Mary Elisabeth, was in the Moravian school at Bethlehem several years before he made this move.

The survey books show that the three warrants - for 315 acres - are for land near Cherry Creek in Hamilton and Lower Smithfield townships. Northampton County, Pa.

#191 dated 31 May 1751 land in Berks County "adjoining John Mynheer and the other land granted him this day"

#192 dated 31 May 1751 land in Berks County "adjoining John Mithel over the Blue Hills"

#125 dated 8 June 1774 in Northampton County "adjoining Michael Frederick and his other land"

(Penna. Archives, Series 3, Vol 24, page 149

Berks and Northampton County Warrant Registry Books under the above dates - at Harrisburg, Pa.

Survey Book A, Vol. 38, page 6 - at Harrisburg)

Cherry Creek, then known as Soot's Run for John McDowell who had the land next west of George Minier's, was as the land description reads "over The Blue Hills". Now more often called the Blue Mountains, this ridge was a natural protection for those living on "this side" against the severe winter winds and what was more to be feared, the Indians when they were on the war-path.

The next year after the visit of the Moravian Brother and Sister Graff to the Minier home, General Braddock's defeat by the Indians in another part of Pennsylvania started a train of terrible events for the settlers in all the outlying sections of the Province. Especially vulnerable were the Moravians. By this time (1755) they had five new settlements near Bethlehem.

These were: Nazareth, founded 1743; Gnadenthal (or Vale of Grace), founded 1745; Christian Spring founded 1748; Friedens-thal (or Vale of Peace) 1749 and The Rose founded 1752. From these establishments until 1755, each of these places was a Moravian settlement marked by peace, piety, and the consequent worldly rewards due to the habit of harmonious group effort.

But after Braddock's defeat one frontier settlement after another in Pennsylvania was sacked by the Indians. Penn's Creek below Sunbury on the Susquehanna was among the first. This happened in October 1755. By January in 1756 there were 253 homeless refugees at Nazareth, 52 at Gnadenthal, 48 at Christian Spring, 75 at Friedens-thal and 21 at The Rose. 266 of these were children.

George Minier, his wife and seven children took refuge at Friedens-thal. Christian Minier from whom the Big Flats, N.Y. family is descended was one of these children. He was 8-years old that fearful winter. Cherry Creek was over-run by the hostile Indians and there were few who lived in that section who did not lose some member of the family as well as home and property, for the Indians burned what they did not take. "This winter, 1755-56, was the darkest in the annals of the Province and also in the annals of American Moravian History".

These Indian raids and alarms continued until 1758. Then there was peace for this part of the country for about four years. In 1763 the Indians were again on the war-paths and again the Moravian stockades were filled with refugees. But by this time the countryside was better protected, and after a few scattered but murderous assaults on outlying farmer families, the Indians were quelled, and in general, were quiet until the time of the War of the Revolution.

But even as late as 1780, Bethlehem was considered by those who lived there as a town with frontier problems. About that time Congress was planning to shift the seat of government from Philadelphia. Bethlehem was of sufficient importance in the Province to be mentioned as a possible site. Bishop John Ettwein wrote a letter of protest in which he said he felt any such move would disturb and distress the inhabitants of the happy little place. Moreover he pointed out two facts which most certainly must have had more effect on the readers of his letter than his first argument. He said Bethlehem was even yet not too safe a place to live, because it was situated not only near to the Indian menace from over the Blue Mountains, but also was close to the Big Swamp from which an enemy could walk easily into town.

Little in the way of fixed standards for spelling proper names existed in Pennsylvania in the days of its settlement. Spelling was usually by sound which, of course, varied with the hearing of the person who did the recording. Even in the same family different surname spellings are found. This is true not only where the Germans had settled but also in parts of the country where the occupants were largely English.

Therefor it is not surprising to find the name Minier spelled in many different ways. Probably the best example of a set of documents showing a variety of spellings in reference to one of this family is to be seen in #S.16969 of the Revolutionary War Pension Applications. This was filed in 1832 by Abraham Minniewar and begins with the statement that sometimes in his youth he had been known as Abraham Minnegre. Certified statements from others concerning his Pennsylvania War service refer to him as Manier and Minniger and to the Fort built some 16 miles north of Sunbury, Pa. as Minegar Fort. The Federal census returns for Vermillion County, Illinois where he was living when he filed this application lists him as Abraham Minier.

Some of these spellings are variations of those already noted in Northampton County which was quite a distance (for those days) from the home of this Abraham in Northumberland County. The spellings already noted include Minnir, Mineer, Meiner, Menear and Mynheer. Most records dealing with this part of the country are unavailable for the period roughly covering the French and Indian Wars. However it was some time during this period that the very unusual variation, Meiniger, (and in turn its different spellings) developed. The step from Meiner to Meiniger is a logical step to one who speaks German, as in that language the basic meaning of "mein" and "meiniger" are the same. "Mein" bears much the same relationship to "meiniger" as in English the word "me" bears to "myself"; or as "mine" bears to "my own".

Abraham Minniewar #S.16969 U.S. Archives
(Abstract from his Revolutionary War Pension Application)

October 2, 1832

Statement of John Glaze, 40 years old, of Vermillion Co., Illinois, who says that Abraham Manier lives in Vermillion County, Ill. about 50 miles from the seat of Justice in Lafayette, Tippecanoe Co., Indiana.

October 10, 1832

Abraham Minniewar, sometimes and in early life among the Germans in Pennsylvania, called Abraham Minnegre, a resident of Montgomery County, Indiana, appears before the Circuit Court of Tippecanoe County. Says he is aged about 70. Enlisted the fall of 1788 in Captain Camplain's Company for 9 months. Resided at the time of his enlistment 15 miles north of Sunbury, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. It was during the time of this enlistment that

he made one march 80 or 90 miles toward the Genesee River after prisoners taken by the Indians, was caught in the snow and returned home down the Susquehanna. October 14, 1832

Statement by Albert White of LaFayette, Indiana, who says that Abraham Minniear (also spelled Minnegre and Manier in this same letter) then living in Shelby County, Ohio, applied in 1821 for a pension, which application was renewed in 1830 from Vermillion County, Ill.

September 21, 1832

Statement of Uriah Barber, 71 years of age, before court at Scioto County, Ohio. Says he knew Abraham Minnegre when he was a boy in Northumberland County, Penna. about 1778- says, "I knew his father well and visited frequently his family when they were forted at Minnegre's Fort which was built by him and the neighborhood." He says Abraham Minnegar was in service at the battle of Freeland's Fort and that he also was in service under Captain Camplain at Minnegre's Fort in 1778, the year before the battle at Freeland's.

July 3, 1820

Statement of Mary Glaze of Scioto County, Ohio, who says that in the year 1778 she was forted at Minegar Fort, 16 miles from Northumberland up the Susquehanna River and at that time Abraham Minnear was a private in Captain Camplain's Company and was also with this company at the battle of Freeland's Fort.

This application was granted and in the General Accounting Office there is this record:

Abraham Minniear, Certificate # 7387 issued April 6, 1833 rate \$30 per annum, commencing March 4, 1831- account. June 7, 1832- agency Indiana. Last payment was for the period March 3, 1846 to Sept. 4, 1846 and was paid Nov. 23, 1846 at the pension agency at Madison, Indiana to William Hendricks, attorney for the pensioner who on Oct. 22, 1846 certified that he had resided in Indiana for 10 years and before that in Ohio. No further information on file in the General Accounting Office.

In the Penna. Archives, Series 3, Vol. 23, page 600 in the lists of Pennsylvania pensioners, his name is given as Abraham Minniear, private P.M. age 72 on April 6, 1834 and living in Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

It is not surprising to find from this pension application that there were members of the Minier family living as far up the Susquehanna as Sunbury at the time of the War of the Revolution. All Moravians knew the route to Sunbury where their Shamokin Mission had been established before 1750. "Sixteen Miles north of Sunbury" locates Fort Menegar as being near White Deer Creek in the township of Turbot of the Northumberland County of that

date. In the tax lists of 1778, in that township was a John Minniker. His is the only name that bears any resemblance to that of this family but later dates show records in Northumberland County, with spellings more easily recognized as those of the Minier family.

Among these are the following:

John Minniker 1778 tax list Turbit twp, Northumberland County, Pa. (Pa. Archives, Ser. 3, vol. 19, Page 422)
 Michael Minegar 1787 tax list Turbit, Northumberland County, Pa. (Hist. Northumberland p. 694, H.C.Bell, 1891)
 John Minier land from Peter Coldren 19 May 1803 (Deed Book Q, Page 799 at Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa)
 Christian Menegar land from Peter Huffman 27 April 1808 (Deed Book P, page 71 at Sunbury, Pa.)
 Lawrence Menegar land from Elisha Barton Sr. 2 April 1813 (Deed Book R, page 611 at Sunbury, Pa)
 The deed entries were copied by the compiler at Sunbury in 1940.

Lawrence Minicker was an Ensign in the Militia of Northumberland Co., Pa in 1794. He is listed in the 2nd Company, 5th Regt. (Pa. Arch. Ser. 6 vol 4, page 381)

Fort Memiger was where Captain Kemplen's Rangers, a local company of 14 men were stationed. It was seventeen miles from Sunbury on the West Branch of the Susquehanna. (Hist. Northumberland Co., Pa. pp. 129 and 133, H.C.Bell, 1891)

Fort Meninger was west of a grist mill built in 1774 near the mouth of White Deer Creek as it flows into the West Branch of the Susquehanna. This fort or stockade was about 80 rods from the River on the north bank of the Creek and it formed the apex of an irregular triangle of which the mill and the stone house of the Widow Catherine Smith, who had built the mill, were the other two corners. Both this stone house and the foundation of a mill built on the site of the original one are yet standing. The Fort, the Mill and the house were evacuated July 1778 and all the wooden parts were burned by the Indians in 1779. (Daily Stories of Pa.-Northumberland Co. page 469 by F.A. Godcharles 1924)

The records of the Miniers who lived near Sunbury show very plainly the use of the form "Menegar" and its variations in the place of "Minier". These records are also given to establish the fact that Abraham Minier, the pensioner, born 1762, who died in 1846 in Indiana, is not the*Abraham Minier also born 1762, (the youngest son of George) who died in 1843 in New York State. Both were Rangers on the Frontier in the War of the Revolution, one from Northumberland County and the other from Northampton County.

The Moravians were classed in 1757 with the Quakers, Mennonists and others who were conscientiously scrupulous of bearing arms and for them the Militia Act of 1757 took account. This Act provided that they should appear on any alarm with the militia, though without arms, and be ready to obey commands. However between 1757 and 1775 the Moravians had learned that there were times when it was necessary to defend themselves with arms, and records of the church show that this was recognized during the time of the Revolution.

Another Act, passed in 1777, affected the attitude of the Quakers and the Pennsylvania Germans who had come to the Province with the understanding that there would be no interference either with their religious convictions or their personal liberties. This was the Test Act of June 13, 1777 which read that all male inhabitants of the state excepting those in Bedford and Westmoreland Counties should take and subscribe before some justice of peace an oath renouncing all allegiance to George III and bearing true allegiance to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Since upon arrival from the Old World they had been obliged to take an oath promising support and allegiance to this same King of England there were many who felt that in subscribing to the Test Act Oath they would perjure themselves before God. Yet all those refusing to take the oath for any reason were classed as Tories. Eventually means considered legal were found to satisfy in those cases where conscience only prevented the signing. In some cases the words "to affirm" and "Affirmation" were substituted for "to swear to" and "Oath" which was acceptable in the case of a citizen known to be loyal to the American cause.

Records of the family in this period show that both Minier and Menegar and variations of both spellings were used.

George Menninger-taxed- Hamilton twp., Northampton Co. Pa. 1772
 Christian Menninger (single) " township, " " 1772
 and after George Minier's death in 1779, his sons:
 Christian Minier-taxed- Hamilton twp., Northampton Co. Pa, 1785
 Daniel Minier-taxed- " " " " 1785
 (Pa. Archives, Series 3, Vol. 19, pages 71 and 277)

George Minninger took the Test Act Oath of Allegiance before Lewis Stocker in Northampton County, Pa. on October 8, 1778 (Certified statement May 21, 1942, by the Librarian of the Easton Public Library where there is a photostat of the original list, is in the hands of the compiler)

Christon Minegar, 7th class private and
 Daniel Menegar, 4th class private, both in the 5th
 Company, 5th Battalion, Northampton Co., Pa. Militia 1781
 Christian Minier, Sergeant, and
 Daniel Minier, 4th class private, both in the 8th
 Company, 5th Battalion, Northampton Co., Pa. Militia June, 1782
 (Pa. Archives, Ser. 5, Vol. 8, pages 414-15 and 401-2)

It was in 1779 that George Minier died. His will signed only with G M in a firm hand suggests that he wished to see living on his land the two sons who had helped him there so long. Worded as it is, these two sons Christian and Daniel, probably with their own consent, were obligated to live on the Cherry Creek farm for seven years after their father's death. Quite possibly he expected they would remain for life on the land they had helped him to clear and plant.

Wills of Northampton County, Pa. Book 1, page 230, at Easton. In the name of God, Amen. I, George Menegar, of Hamilton Township in the County of Northampton and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Farmer being weak in body and in a low state of health But of Sound Mind and Memory thanks be to God for the Same But Calling to Mind the certainty of Death and the uncertainty when it Shall Come Do make and publish this my Last will and Testament in Manner and form following

First I give my Soul into the hand of my Dear Redeemer and Creator hoping and Believing thro him for a Remission of all my Sins and my body To be Buried in a Christian Like manor as my Executors hereafter Shall think fit and Meet

Next I give and bequeath to My oldest Son John Menegar the Sum of Twenty Shillings for his Birthright as oldest Son and also I give to my Son John the Sum of Forty pounds to be paid one year after my Death and no more

and also I give to my Daughter Mary Elisabeth's Daughter the Sum of Forty pounds to be paid Two years after my Death and no more and I also give to my Daughter Mary Charine the wife of ---- (writing illegible) the sum of Forty pounds to be paid three years after my Death and no more

and I Next give to my Daughter Chatrine the wife of Christian House the Sum of Forty pounds to be paid four years after my Death and no more

and I next give to my Daughter Christinna the Sum of forty pounds and no more to be paid five years after my Death and I next give to my Daughter Elisabeth the wife of Jacob Deatrick the Sum of forty pounds and no more to be paid Six years after my Death

and I next give to my son Abraham Menegar the Sum of forty pounds and no more to be paid Seven years after my Death and next after my Funeral Charges and all my Just Debts are paid I give and bequeath and devise to my two Sons Christian Menegar and Daniel Menegar and their Heirs and assigns forever (with full power to sell and alien in fee simple) all My Lands, houses, Herederaments and appertainances thereto, Belongings whatsoever and all Residue of my Estate goods Chattels Moneys wheresoever they are or may be and of what Kind soever both Real and personal I Likewise give and bequeath and devise to My two sons - to be equailly Devided between them- (note: the six words between the dashes were inserted between the lines) Christian Menegar and Daniel Menegar and I Do hereby Make and ordain them to be Sole

Executors of this my Last will and Testament hereby Revoking and Dis anuling all former wills or Testaments By me heretofore made in witness whereof I, George Menegar, have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this Second Day of May one thousand and seaven hundred and Seaventy nine 1779 the words Interlined below the third Line a top was Done before Signed which words is (to be equailly Divided between them) Signed Sealed and published and declared by the said George Menegar the Testator as and for his Last will and Testament in the presents of us who were by and at his Request Subscribed our names as witnesses hearunto

Jacob Stroud
Abraham Miller
Lawrence Kunkill
Peter Frederick

his
George G M Meneger seal
mark
(Probated Dec. 14, 1779)

There is but one other paper filed with this will at Easton. That paper is the appraisal of his estate, and on it his name appears twice, one time written as George Minier and the other time as George Menier. This inventory or appraisal was made by his neighbors Lawrence Kunkill and Abraham Miller who was the son of the friend Abraham Miller, a Moravian killed in 1753. This document is dated April 1, 1780.

At the end of the seven years of stewardship that was outlined in the will of Georg Minier, his two sons, Christian and Daniel sold their rights on Cherry Creek. Perhaps they had heard of the fertile valleys farther north that the War of the Revolution's end had opened for white settlers. One of the deeds showing the sale of the Cherry Creek land is indexed under both the "Estate Of George Menegar" and the "Estate of George Menier" and is shown to have been sold to Casper Metzger by Christian and Daniel Menier. It refers to the land as part of that left "in the will" and describes it as bounded by a line beginning at a post in the line of John McDowel's land then extending by land of the late Richard Peters, Esq. and land of Conrad Hertzell to a stone on the corner of other land of the said George Minier to a chestnut by the land of Abraham Miller---etc---crossing a Creek to a post by land of John McDowel, the beginning. The date is May 8, 1787 Hamilton township (Deed Book B-2 page 213 at Easton, Pa.)

Possibly George Minier, dying in December, was buried on his own land. There is a stone to the memory of his neighbor John McDowel in the yard of the church now used by the Methodists very near the farms of both men. This church is located one half a mile south of the road that connects Kellerville and Stormville, two hamlets just west of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. And in other nearby cemeteries are found names such as Drake, Heller and Miller whose descendants went also as early settlers to the same region in New York state to which Christian Minier went before 1790.

Big Flats, now in Chemung County, N.Y. where Christian Minier went from Northampton County, Pennsylvania, his land was a broad opening between the rounded hills of southern New York, through which flows a tributary of the Susquehanna River. This tributary is the Chemung River, called in the days of early settlement the Tioga. Daniel Minier and his family went in the same direction, but stopped and made their settlement in northern Pennsylvania at Milan just south of Tioga Point where the Chemung flows into the Susquehanna.

The Big Flats neighborhood which includes the city of Elmira, called Newtown before 1808, has been in the following counties:

Tryon County	before the Revolution and until 1784	(not settled)
Montgomery County	1784 until 1791	(records at Fonda, N.Y.)
Tioga County	1791 until 1836	(records at Owego, N.Y.)
Chemung County	1836 to date	(records at Elmira, N.Y.)

Tryon County was named for an English Colonial governor of the Colony of New York. In 1784, because he had taken an uncompromising stand during the War as an enemy of the American cause, his name became so unpopular that the Legislature enacted a change of the County's name.

Montgomery was chosen in honor of the Irish soldier and patriot who fell leading his troops in the attack on Quebec in 1775. The county then included a large portion of the state.

Tioga County as formed in 1791 contained the territory now in the counties of Tioga, Chemung and Breeme. It also covered what is now the county of Schuyler except for the towns of Orange and Tyrone (then in Ontario, later in Steuben and now in Schuyler); all of Tompkins County but the town of Groten and a part of the town of Lansing; about one third of what is now Cortland County and a large part of what is now Chenango. It did not stay this size very long. By 1800 it had lost a large part of this to newly formed counties, making the study of deeds for this period one that needs time and care.

Chemung County was the last county set off from Tioga. This took place in 1836. At that date Chemung included besides its township possessions of today, also the towns of Dix, Catherine; Montour and Cayuta, now in Schuyler County which was formed in 1854. As first set off as a county, Chemung had limits that were much the same as those of the township of Chemung in the early days of Tioga County history.

Copied from the Church Book of the Evangelical Community for the
Lutheran and Reformed Church, Hamilton township, Northampton Co. Pa.
Baptismal Records

Child

Parents

Sponsors

Entry 107

Minier, Georg

Born Dec. 19, or 15

Bap. Dec. 25

Christian Minier

wife Christina

1772

George Minier, the
Grandfather and
wife Elisabetha

Entry 141

Minier, Johann Jacob

Born Jan. 4 or June?

Bap. Jan. 12

Christian Minier

wife Christina

1774

Johann Jacob Beck
Maria Reimelin-
single

Entry 189

Minier, Margaretha

Born Dec. 18, 1775

Bap. Jan. 28

Christian Minier

Wife Christiana

1776

Jacob Schnell
wife Anna

Margaretha

Entry 235

Meiner, Joh Henrich

Born Sept. 9

Bap. Oct. 5

Christian Meiner

wife Christina

1777

Joh Henrich Bossert
wife Catharina

Entry 284

Meiner, Anna Maria

Born Nov. 3, 1780

Bap. Feb. 20

Christian Meiner

wife Christina

1781

Henrich Boskirk and
wife Anna Maria

Entry 322

Meiner, Abraham

Born May 8

Bap. June 9

Christian Meiner

wife Christina

1782

Abraham Meiner and
Luewis Hellerin

Entry 376

Minier, Elizabeth

Born Sept. 10

Bap. Nov. 23

Christian Minier

wife Christina

1783

Peter Hegt and wife
Juliana Elizabeth

Entry 422

Minier, Susanna

Born July 9

Bap. Sept. 11

Christian Minier

wife Christina

1785

Joh Topfer and
wife Susanna

This copy was made from the original records kept in the
Hamilton Church (Christ Church) Monroe Co., Pa. in 1942 by Mrs.
M.R. Rasley of Stroudsburg, Pa. A certified copy is in the possess-
ion of the compiler.

Other entries copied from the same book by her are the following:

Entry 188

Johann George

Born Nov. 17/19

Bap. Dec. 3

Daniel Minier
wife Anna Maria
parents

1775

George Hut, and
Anna Shaferin
sponsors

Child	Entry	Parent Sponsors	Sponsors
Minier, Johannes Born Feb. 7, Bapt. Mar. 23 (27?)	214	Daniel Minier and wife Anna Maria	Johannes Ceryas and Catharine Bittenbark
Minier, Abraham Born Oct. 16, 1782 Bapt. Mar. 2	340	Daniel Minier and wife Anna Maria	Abraham Minier and (X) Catherine Shaffer
Minier, Daniel Born Sept. 21, 1784 Bap. April 24	403	Daniel Minier and wife Anna Maria	Heinrich Seigle and wife Rahel
Minier, Johannes Born Jan. 5, 1784 Bap. Aug. 14	417	Abraham Minier and wife Anna Maria	Johannes Heller and wife Susannah
Minier, Anna Maria Born Feb. 16, 1785 Bap. Aug. 14	417	Abraham Minier and wife Anna Maria	Daniel Minier and wife Anna Maria
Meiner, Sarah Born June 23, 1769 Bap. Aug. 21	55	Jacob Meiner and wife Catharine	Gottfried Volker and wife Maria Margaretha

A copy of the early baptisms in this church was made in 1912 by Dr. William J. Hinke and is to be found in the Library of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia in Vol. 281 of the manuscript collection. A search of this by the compiler in November 1943, shows these additional entries- the entry numbers not being given by Dr. Hinke.

Meiner, Anna Catharine born March 11, 1779 bapt. April 25	Christian Meiner and wife Christina	Heinrich Bossert and wife Anna Catharine
Minier, Elisabetha born Jan 3, 1779 bapt. Feb. 21	Daniel Minier and wife Anna Maria	Elisabetha Shaffer
Meyner, Elisabeth born (Feb.?) 20, 1788 bap. 1789	John Meyner and wife Rebecca Maria	Wilhelm Korn and Elisabeth
Meiner, Johannes born July 20, 1779 bap. July 23	William Meiner and Anna Margaretha	Joh Theil Hastner and Regina, his wife
Meiner, Leonard born June 30, 1777 bap. Nov. 7	Jacob Meiner and Elisabeth	who were sponsors in May 1771 for a child of D. and M. Williams

The distance between the Big Flats valley in New York and Cherry Creek in Northampton County, Pennsylvania seems very far when one considers the fact that Christian Minier is said to have brought his wife and children and household goods overland to the Susquehanna and then upstream by boat when the move was made. Perhaps the plan appeared more possible of accomplishment to them because of the experiences of the members of the family who had served as Rangers in the War of the Revolution, and who had very likely heard of or seen land to the northward desirable for settlement.

In the family that Christian Minier had with him were four sons aged about 15, 13, 10 and 5 years. Daniel Minier's family also had four boys about the same ages. If the brother Abraham Minier made the move at the same time, his son was younger, being then about 3 years old. Instead of the very risky venture that the trip meant to the parents, it must have been for these boys the very height of adventure.

Various Chemung and Tioga County histories relate the story of Christian Minier's coming to Big Flats

"To Christian Myneer-----is accorded the honor of being the first settler as well as planting the first orchard and building the first frame building in the town. Here was born Christian Jr. the first white child born in the town; his was the first great sorrow, the death of a daughter; at his house the marriage rite first read when his daughter Catherine married William Appelgate. Remaining where he settled he received in March 1791 a certificate of Lot # 117 in the town of Chemung. He died in 1837 and side by side on the farm where he first settled rest the ashes of Christian Myneer and his faithful wife."

(p. 494 Hist. Chemung Co., N.Y. - Ausburn Towner 1892)

"In 1787 when the land still belonged to the state, Christian Mynheer, his wife and 7 children came up the river in canoes and landed on the north side at Big Flats, built a log cabin and planted corn. There was an Indian clearing and a cornfield on the other side of the river ----- March 23, 1791 a certificate was issued to him of Lot 117 of 331 acres where Noah Symonds now lives and lying on both sides of the river. A portrait of him by a lad, said to be accurate, was painted about 1833. He died in 1837 and was buried on the farm where he settled."

"Daniel, Abram and Christian Minier were sons of George Minier of Upper Mount Bethel township, Northampton Co., Pa. In 1787 Abram and Daniel visited the Lake Country of New York before there were white inhabitants there. They went up the east side of Cayuga Lake. Daniel went on to the Genesee country and Abram stayed all night at the head of Seneca Lake then went south by way of Big Flats where Christian had settled-----" Abram was the youngest brother of Christian-----"

(pages 318 and 513, Hist of Tioga etc. Counties, N.Y. by Pierce and Hurd- 1879)

The following notes concerning the family of Christian Minier were made in 1878 by one of his great granddaughters, Hannah Hopper Minier, who married James Monroe Breed of Big Flats. These notes are now in the possession of Mrs. Breed's granddaughter, Miss Clara B. Steele, Route 1, Corning, N.Y.

"Christian Minier of Big Flats married Christianna Peck in Pennsylvania. Their children were:

George

Jacob

Susanna

Henry of Big Flats who married Sarah Arbour

Catherine

Abraham, killed by a falling tree, was buried in Big Flats.

He married Hannah Hopper, daughter of Cornelius Hopper.

Christian

Samuel

Mary Elisabeth

Nothing known of George and Jacob's families. The other children, besides Henry and Abraham, married into the Dolson, Appelgate, Brong, Doughty and Jeffers families."

Tioga County Transcribed Deeds at Elmira, N.Y.

April 27, 1820 Christian Minier of the town of Elmira, County of Tioga and State of New York and Christina his wife sold to David Vanderin for \$3000 a piece of land known as Lot # 117 granted to Christian Minier by letters patent April 12, 1791 from the state of New York. Described as near the John Harris and Dolson tracts and crossing the Tioga River, 321 acres.

Oct. 1, 1831 Nancy and Sarah Ann Minier of Big Flats, County of Tioga, State of New York sold to John Minier of Big Flats the Land in Lot # 117 granted by letters patent to Christian Minier, April 12, 1791, 321 acres excepting the River out of the same.

(Book 5 page 71 and Book 9 page 87 at Elmira)

This shows that the original grant after a lapse of ten years came into the hands of John Minier, a grandson of Christian, the pioneer. No will made by Christian Minier has been found. When he died in 1831, it was after the deaths of those sons, Henry and Abraham who had come to live in Big Flats valley with him. Henry died in 1828 and Abraham had been killed by a falling tree the year before.

The cemetery where Christian and Christianna Minier were buried has been called in late years Forsaken Cemetery. Here can be found the stones of Henry Minier and his wife Sarah, but those of Christian and his wife have disappeared, probably being of the local slate stone that was so often used in early days and which time has proved will not stand the rigors of that climate. But there are descendants who can remember having the stones shown to them as those of their pioneer ancestors. Among those who remember these old stones in this graveyard, are

Chester Howell of Elmira and Miss Clara Steele of Corning, N.Y. Also Silas D. Mills whose family lived in his boyhood on the farm next that of Noah Symonds (who owned this part of the Minier grant at that time) remembers these gravestones plainly as late as 1875. In 1938 Mr. Mills was living in Elmira on Gray Street. He said that the cemetery was well kept by the Symonds family who used it as their family burial plot.

The location of this plot (in 1943) is almost exactly 2 miles west of Elmira, N.Y. on Route 17 E (the River Road toward Big Flats) measured from the spot where the Fitch's Bridge Road (Route 13) meets 17 E. After driving the 2 miles west on 17 E from this point, a lane leads toward the Chemung River and the summer houses that have been built facing the river. The plot is between the home of Judge William Phillips and the lane and is enclosed by a fence placed there for its protection by a previous owner of the lot, Dr. J. Bernard Twomey.

In 1885 the newspaper with which he was connected in Elmira, N.Y. published for John L. Sexton a "History of Tioga County, N.Y. and Tioga County, Pa". John L. Sexton was of a family that had lived in Big Flats and he was interested in the early settlers of the region. It is therefore quite possible that his account of Christian Minier's death was originally taken directly from the old gravestone in the Minier burial plot mentioned above, although it does not agree with the other historical accounts that are to be found in the county histories. He states in his book on Tioga Co., N.Y. on page 135 that Christian Minier, the pioneer, died April 1831 aged 91. However since church records show that Christian Minier was born in 1747, his aged in 1831 would have been 84. The Sexton record was probably taken from the grave marker after it was too weather worn to be easily read, or the date in the book is the result of a later mistake in transcription. The Records of the Rev. John D. Gilbert who served the Episcopal churches of Big Flats, Catharine's town and Painted Post about this time, could, if found, be helpful on this point. The last check that can be made in the Federal Census records is in 1830 when Christian Minier's age is indicated as between 80 and 90 years. No record can be found concerning him in the 1840 census.

In the same way it is difficult to be sure what part of the record on the same page (135 of Sexton's History) is correct in his account of Christiana, the wife of Christian Minier. His statement is that she died "September 26, 1826 aged 87". But as this age would make her eight years older than Christian, it is likely that the figures 87 are incorrect. However, the census records indicate that although she was alive in 1820 that she was not living in 1830 at census taking time (usually after June 1st), so that the date of her death in September 1826 is quite probably correct. The 1820 census records are of no help in this case as the ages of those older than 45 years is given only as "over 45".

- 127 Christian Minier b. 1747 Lancaster Co., Pa. married about 1772 Christianna Peck (Beck); children:
- 1271 George Minier b. 12-19-1772 Northampton Co., Pa.
- 1272 Jacob Minier (bap. Johann Jacob) b. 1-1-1774 "
- 1273 Margaret Minier b. 12-18-1775 Northampton Co., Pa.
- *1274 Henry Minier (bap. Joh Henrich) b. 12-9-1777 "
- 1275 Anna Maria Minier b. 11-3-1780, Northampton Co., Pa.
- *1276 Abraham Minier b. 5-8-1782 "
- 1277 Elizabeth Minier b. 9-10-1783 "
- *1278 Susanna Minier b. 7-9-1785 Northampton Co., Pa.
- *1279 Christian Minier Jr. b. 12-3-1789 at Big Flats, N.Y.
- 127.10. Samuel Minier
- 127.11. Mary Minier
- *1274 Henry Minier b. 12-9-1777 m. Sarah Arbour; children:
- *12741 Nancy Minier b. 7-5-1806
- *12742 John Minier b. 8-21-1808 at Canistota, Steuben Co., N.Y.
- *12743 Sarah Minier b. 2-21-1810
- *1275 Abraham Minier b. 5-8-1782 m. Hannah Hopper; children:
- *12761 Samuel Minier b. 11-17-1804
- 12762 Christiana Minier b. 7-16-1806
- *12763 Henry Minier b. 6-29-1808
- *12764 Ira Minier b. 8-21-1810
- 12765 Mathew Minier b. 8-21-1812
- 12766 Anna Minier b. 2-5-1814
- *12767 Christian Minier b. 9-30-1818
- *12768 William S. Minier b. 1-31-1823
- *1278 Susanna Minier b. 7-9-1785 m. James Dolson; 12 children:
Tunis, Jacob, Samuel, Sarah, Charles, Mary Ann, David,
Christena, Moses, Elizabeth, Katherine, and James.
- *1279 Christian Minier Jr. b. 12-3-1789- m. (1)---- --(2) Polly Brong
children by (1)
- *12791 Abram Minier b. about 1810
- 12792 a son born between 1815 and 1820
- 12793 Mary Minier b. " " " " m. --- Stevens
children by Polly Brong Minier
- *12794 Joel Minier b. 1826
- *12795 Phebe Minier b. 1828
- *12796 Elizabeth Minier b. 1831
- *12797 Almira Minier b. 1837

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1274 Henry Minier, son of Christian, born Sept. 9, 1777 in Northampton County, Pa and baptized in Christ Church, Hamilton township, was an early settler with his brother, Abraham, in Canistee, Steuben Co., N.Y. This was in the county next west of the one to which they had come with their father before 1790. Henry lived in Canistee from before 1808 until after 1820, and then he and his brother both returned to Big Flats, their father's home, and bought farms. His wife was Sarah Arbour and their children were:

- 12741 Nancy Minier born 7-5-1806; died after 1860; m. --- Levell
 * 12742 John Minier born 8-21-1808; died 1891; m. Emily Beard
 12743 Sarah Minier born 2-21-1810; m. --- Smith

Probably there were no other children as both the 1810 and the 1821 census records of Canistee, Steuben County, show the children in the family to be two girls and one boy all born between 1800 and 1810

Henry and Sarah Arbour Minier are buried in the so-called Forsaken Cemetery in Big Flats, where Henry's father and mother, are buried. Stones there erected to their memory read:

"Henry Minier died Dec. 12, 1828 aged 51
 Remember Friends as you Pass By, As you are now so once was I
 As I am now so you must Be. Prepare to die and Follow me."

"Sarah his wife died April 1848 aged 70

This stone of Sarah Arbour Minier is weathered and very difficult to read. The interpretation of the compiler does not agree with the one made by Mrs. Staver in her Chemung County inscriptions in Vol. 57 of the New York Records in the D.A.R. Library, an admirable record of the oldest gravestones of this region.

* 12742

John Minier, (son of Henry) was born Aug. 21, 1808 in Canistee, Steuben County, N.Y. and died early in 1891 in Big Flats, Chemung Co., N.Y. He married Emily Baird who was born in Connecticut. Ch:

127421 Henry Baird Minier b. June 7, 1833 m. Mary (Titoomb) Ayer;
 In 1885; lived in Harvard, Ill. and had one child:

1274211 Mamie Minier
 127422 Mary Minier b. ---; died before 1885; m. Abram Hees; ch:
 Charles Henry Hees aged over 14 yrs on May 14, 1885
 Frederick James Hees

127423 Emma J. Minier b. about 1839 m. Abram Huey of Corning, N.Y.

127424 Ada Minier born about 1842

127425 Ophelia Minier born about 1844

* 127426 John R. Minier born about 1847 died 1911; m. Ella Cuddaback

* 127427 Samuel Arbour Minier b. about 1849; d. 1932; m. Clara Carpenter

- Other Deeds at Elmira, N.Y.
- 127426 John R. Minier (son of John) m. Ella Cuddabaack; oh;
 - 1274261 Emily C. Minier b. about 1879
 - 1274262 Thomas R. Minier b. about 1881
 - 1274263 Edward E. Minier b. about 1884
- page 403 July 15, 1885
- 127427 Samuel A. Minier (son of John) m. Clara Carpenter
 - 1274271 William Carpenter Minier b. Aug. 8, 1877
 - 1274272 Henry Baird Minier b. Sept. 16, 1879
 - 1274273 Edith Minier b. Oct. 6, 1881 m. -- Welles
 - 1274274 Mary Addie Minier b. Aug. 5, 188? m. -- McGredy
 - 1274275 Julia Ayer Minier b. Dec. 28, 1889 m. John Townsend Smith

The Episcopal Church in Big Flats, torn down in 1931, was, when it was built some hundred years earlier, largely financed and sponsored by John Minier (#12742), the grandson of Christian Minier, the first settler there. Christian Minier was yet alive in 1829, when Bishop Hobart just before his death visited Big Flats. It is thought that the original idea was to found a church as closely connected as possible with that of the Moravians, in which Christian Minier had been baptized. As the Moravians were classed as Protestant Episcopal, the choice of that denomination was natural. The Big Flats Cemetery is on land that belonged to this Church.

In Elmira in the Surrogate's Office are entries concerning John Minier and his sons, John R. and Samuel A. Minier.

John Minier Wills Vol. 14, page 225, dated May 14, 1885, proved March 23, 1891. The petition names Emily, the widow; John R. and Samuel A. Minier, sons; Addie, daughter, all of Big Flats; Henry B. son of Harford, Ill; Emma J. Huy, daughter of Corning, all of full age. Also Charles and Frederick Hees, infants over 14 years of age, residence unknown, sons of the daughter Mary A. Hees, dec'd, Package # 3926 contains letters showing that Molly (Mary) Minier married Abram B. Hees and that their sons were Charles Henry Hees (the older) and Frederick James Hees. Frederick J. Hees received his inheritance July 29, 1919 in Okmulgee Co., Oklahoma.

John R. Minier, Letters of Adminis. Vol. 11, page 192 Granted Aug. 26, 1911 to Thomas R. Minier of Big Flats, N.Y. Package # 8526 gives in addition- petition Aug. 11, 1911 by Thomas R. Minier, Edward Minier and Emily C. Minier who are the only children of the said John R. Minier, and are aged respectively 30, 27 and 32 years. No widow was surviving.

Samuel A. Minier, Wills Vol. 34, page 225 dated Nov. 17, 1930 This will names his wife Clara C.; son William C.; daughter, Edith M. Welles; daughter, Mary M. McGredy; daughter, Julia; son Henry B. sole executor. The preamble dated Aug. 30, 1932 names the next of kin as those mentioned in the will and gives their residences. All lived in Big Flats, but the son William who resided in Cleveland, Ohio, and the daughter, Mary McGredy who lived in Elmira, N.Y.

Other Deeds at Elmira, N.Y. concerning the family of John Minier (#12742) are:

Transcribed Tioga County Deeds at Elmira, Chemung County, N.Y.

Vol. 11 page 408 July 15, 1835 John Minier, his wife Emily, and Sarah Minier of Big Flats, N.Y. sold to Erastus Maltby of Newfield, Tompkins County, land in the town of Big Flats known as Lot # 117 granted by letters patent to Christian Minier April 12, 1791 reserving the family cemetery from the same and the river out of the 320 acres and also reserving the right ceded to the Hudson & Erie R.R. for the track of the R.R.

Vol. 12, page 35 October 17, 1835 John Minier of Big Flats bought of Charles and Lydia Reynolds of Big Flats the land and tavern house lately occupied by Richard F. Seabury and known as the Big Flats Hotel, containing 2 rods and 34 perches of land.

The indenture below shows how ^{the} original Minier land grant in 1821 came into the hands of Henry, the father of John Minier, after its sale in 1820 by Christian Minier to David Van Deren.

Vol 5, page 192 Aug. 22, 1821 Indenture between David Van Deren of Elmira, Tioga, Co., N.Y. and Anna his wife and Henry Minier of the town of Canistota, Steuben Co., N.Y. whereas by a certain mortgage conveyed to Christian Minier then of the town of Elmira subject to certain terms named and whereas Christian Minier on June 25, 1821 assigned said mortgage to Abraham Minier who on Aug. 24, 1821 assigned it to the party of the 2nd part [Henry Minier] who has contracted for absolute purchase of said mortgaged land from the party of the 1st part [David Van Deren] land described as that known as Lot #117 granted by letters patent under the Great Seal of the State of New York to Christian Minier and bearing the date 12th April 1791

1276 Abraham Minier (son of Christian) of County and deeds

Of the family records of Abraham Minier which have been kept in both the Samuel J. Minier and the Fatima Howell bibles, the one in the Fatima Howell bible is more nearly complete. The other, kept as a folded paper in the Samuel J. Minier bible had belonged once to Lorinda Bennet Minier who died in 1857. In the following the parts enclosed by () are found only in the Fatima Howell bible.

Abraham Minier (was born 1782 Died killed by a falling tree June 26, 1827. Age 45 yrs. 11 m. 18 days)

Hannah Hopper (she was born 1780- Died Dec. 14, 1842 Age 62 yrs. 4 m. and 20 days)

Children

Samuel Minier born Nov. 17, 1804

(married Telina Bennitt Nov. 16, 1826- Children 11
Died Oct. 18, 1876 Aged 71 years. 11 m.)

Christiana Minier born July 16, 1806

(Died April 3, 1822)

Henry Minier born June 29, 1808 (married Lorinda Bennitt no child) Died April 3, 1873

Ira Minier born Aug. 21, 1810 (married Amanda-- Children Abram, Mary C., Frank. Died--)

Mathew Minier born Aug. 21, 1812

Died Sept. 29, 1812

Anna Minier born Feb. 5, 1814

(Died --)

Christian Minier born Sept. 30, 1818 (married Marilla Babcock Children Hannah- Chester- Frank- Louella- Emma-Stanley)

William Stephens Minier born Jan. 31, 1823

The record in Lorinda Minier's handwriting was intended to be a framed wall piece. It has a border of printed flowers, pictures and scrollwork and at the bottom in fine print are the words "Entered according to Act of Congress in the year 1846 by Kellogg and Thayer in the Clerk's Office of the Southern District of N.Y."

The record in the handwriting of Fatima Minier Howell is not dated, but was probably made about 1876.

In historical accounts of the town of Hornellsville, Steuben County, N.Y. (now called Hornell) the early settlers who lived in this region are named. The place was then -around 1800- known as "Upper Canisteo". Abraham Minier and his brother Henry are named as two of these early settlers. They lived on the farm known at different times as the Dr. Hale, the Pumpelly, the Meade, the Bennett and in 1891 the J.D. Bowditch farm.

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At Bath, the county seat of Steuben County are deeds showing the purchase and sale of land by Abraham Minier in Canistota; and in Elmira among the old Tioga County deeds are those showing a later purchase of land in Big Flats.

2 July 1813 Abraham Miniere of Steuben County bought land in Canistota-land "already in the possession of Abraham and Henry Miniere" from Mordecai Hale of N.Y. City. (Liber 6 page 269 at Bath, N.Y.)

1 Feb. 1819 Abraham Minier of Canistota and Hannah his wife sold land to Timothy Russell (Liber 9 page 363 at Bath, N.Y.)

23 Aug. 1822 Abraham Minier of the town of Canistota, Steuben County, N.Y. bought land in the late town of Elmira, now "Big Flatts" 221 acres from the heirs of the Buck estate.
(Book 5, page 260 at Elmira, N.Y.)

In 1827 he again bought land in Big Flats, land he did not live to farm, as that was the year that he was killed by the falling tree. Two sons, Samuel and Henry, took over this land and were for many years well known citizens of Big Flats. Ira Minier, another son, lived in Big Flats until after 1850. Christian, the fourth son lived in Caton, Steuben Co. and in Southport, Chemung County; and William, the youngest son went west- finally settling in Washington Territory.

Abraham and Hannah Minier are buried in Sing Sing graveyard in Big Flats. Here are two stones, that are so marked:

"Abraham Minnier died June 26, 1827 aged 45 years, 1 month 18 days
An empty tale, a morning flower
Cut down and withered in an hour"

"Hannah wife of Abraham Minier died December 14, 1842 aged 62
years 4 months and 20 days

Sing Sing Graveyard^{is} so called because a Creek of that name flowing to the Chemung River, is in this part of Big Flats. It was once near a Baptist Church that built in 1818, was later abandoned for a site considered more desirable. The spot may be found on the 1853 (Rhea and Tremble) County map of Chemung near the home of Morris Bennett. To find the place now, go to the main business corner of Big Flats on Route 17. At this point, if heading westward, turn to the right and drive .5 of a mile to a fork in the road. (It was between this fork in the road that the Samuel Minier, son of Abraham, farmhouse stood. It burned about 1925 and another house erected on its foundations). At this fork turn again to the right and follow a rather winding road for 1.9 miles, to a small bridge over Sing Sing Creek. From this bridge it is .9 of a mile to another right turn on to the road where the graveyard is plainly marked on the landscape because of the stand of tall pines which shades it. The total distance is about 3.5 miles from the Big Flats Corner.

12761 Samuel Minier, son of Abraham. Samuel Minier was a farmer and before 1850 also had opened a general store in Big Flats. In the 1860 census he is listed as a contractor, probably because when the Erie Railroad tracks were being laid through the town of Big Flats he was concerned with the enterprise. During his life he held several public offices, beginning with that of a member of the County Board of Supervisors. To this he belonged in old Tioga County, before the County of Chemung was set off in 1836; and he was on the Chemung County Board for several years. From 1841 to 1843 he was Chemung County Sheriff, and in 1851 he went to Albany as a Representative of the county in the State Assembly. Two books, once a part of his life, have been handed down in the family and are now owned by the compiler. One is an Account book for the period October 1848 - July 1849. In it are the prices of commodities at that time; the names of his neighbors with whom he dealt and the signatures of several of these men in recognition of the settlements of accounts. The other book is an Autograph Book of the names of his fellow assemblymen at Albany in 1851. The autographs range from a bare signature with an address to long paragraphs of good wishes or advice written in the flowery style of the time.

Signatures found in the Account Book are these

Marlin Willard May 1848
 Alexander White Dec. 1848
 William H. Edger Nov. 1848
 Jacob A. Markle Jan. 1849
 Amasa Wood Jan. 1849
 Jesse Lounsbery Mar. 1849
 Alansen Quakenbush Mar. 1849
 Stephen Millsbaugh x Mar. 1849
 Jas. P. Ripley June 1849
 Daniel Lord June 1849
 William Ellison x

In the autograph book are some eighty different signatures.

Both Samuel Minier and his wife Telina, who was a daughter of Abraham Bennet, are buried in Big Flats not so far from the spot where stood the large square white house that Samuel Minier built for his family - probably before 1850 - to judge from the architectural style as remembered by those who saw it before it burned. In the Account Book there is a transaction noted that possibly marks the beginning of its construction - 19,492 feet of the best oak logs; 2,910 feet of yellow pine; and 4,559 feet of best oak pieces.

Their stones in the Big Flats cemetery are inscribed:
 "Samuel Minier died October 18, 1876 aged 71 years, 11 months"
 "Telina his wife died October 7, 1881 aged 74 years 2 months 16 ds."

When the children of Samuel and Telina Minier were married one gift was that of a Family Bible with one page of records in their father's handwriting. Two of these bibles, the one given the son Samuel J. Minier and the one given the daughter Fatima have been handed down to descendants living in Elmira, N.Y. (lost and the date 16, 1858)

The following copy was made from the one owned by Fatima Minier. Besides four pages of records concerning the Minier family, there is in this Bible one page of records of the Howell family into which she married and two loose sheets concerning the families of her grandparents, Abraham Minier and Abraham Bennett. Only the records concerning the Miniers, photostated in 1942, are in the following copy.

This Bible was published in Philadelphia in 1860 by William Harding and is now in the possession (1942) of Mrs. Fred Minier Howell 455 Maple Ave. Elmira, N.Y. 1860

Births

[Handwriting of Samuel Minier]

Samuel Minier	Nov. 17, 1804	
Telina Bannitt	July 21, 1807	
Family of Samuel and Telina Bennitt Minier		
Christiana	July 21, 1827	
Abraham Bennitt	April 5, 1829	
Lorinda	Dec. 12, 1830	
Ira	April 24, 1833	
Hannah Hopper	Mar. 26, 1836	
Margaret	Aug. 23, 1837	
Fatima	Aug. 4, 1839	
William Henry	July 1, 1841	
Pantha	Sept. 26, 1843	
Samuel John	May 25, 1845	Sabrina Sept. 8, 1847

Daniel Everts Howell	Dec. 24, 1825	[Handwriting of Fatima Howell]
Fatima Minier	Aug. 4, 1839	
Fred Minier Howell	Nov. 25, 1860	
Sidney Llewellyn Howell	Mar. 6, 1866	
Chester Everts Howell	Aug. 12, 1867	

Fred Minier Howell	Nov. 25, 1860	
Mari Louese Hunter	April 20, 1867	
Hazel Hunter Howell	May 5, 1899	
Betty Jane Quick	July 17, 1917	

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Marriages

Samuel Minier and Telina Bennitt	
Nov. 16, 1826	

[Handwriting of Samuel Minier]

1012 Abraham Marrriages Handwriting of Fatima Minier Howell
 Abraham B. Minier, called A.B. Minier, was called.
 James Truesdale and Lorinda Minier Aug. 16, 1847 (1847)
 James Monroe Breed and Hannah Minier October - (Nov. 10, 1857)
 Dayton C. Kimball and Lorinda Truesdale (Dec. 27, 1857)
 Justus N. Woolcott and Margaret Minier (June 16, 1858)
 Daniel Everts Howell and Fatima Minier Mar. 20, 1860
 Ira Minier and Sarah Park March 20, 1861
 William Smith and Pantha Minier Sept. (23, 1868)
 Abram B. Minier and Sarah Amy February (17, 1869)
 Samuel J. Minier and Lucy Davy July 5, 1870

The above record is incomplete in the Bible, but a loose sheet also in the handwriting of Fatima Howell supplies the dates that are here enclosed in ().

Deaths [Handwriting of Samuel Minier]
 Christiana Minier May 16, 1828
 Sabrina Minier May 11, 1848

[Handwriting of Fatima Howell]
 Pantha June 19, 1890
 Hannah Sept. 24, 1899
 James Breed Nov. 1, 1904
 Lorinda May 18, 1906
 Abram March 3, 1908
 Sarah Dec. 24, 1906
 Daniel Everts Howell Feb. 15, 1907
 Fatima Minier Howell Nov. 30, 1910 [Handwriting of Chester Howell]
 Fred Minier Howell April 29, 1934 [Handwriting of Louese Howell]
 Sidney Llewellyn Howell Nov. 5, 1938

In the Bible that was owned by Samuel J. Minier there are the following entries not found in his sister Fatima's Bible. This Book is now in the possession of Chester Howell of Elmira, N.Y.

Deaths

Samuel Minier October 18, 1876
 Telina Minier October 7, 1881
 Ira Minier March 26, 1911
 Margaret M. Wolcott Aug. 12, 1916

127612 Abraham, son of Samuel Minier

Abraham Bennett Minier, called A.B. Minier, was named for both grandfathers, Abraham Minier and Abraham Bennett. He was born April 5, 1829 in Big Flats and died March 3, 1908. He married Feb. 17, 1869 the widow Sarah Rhodes Amy, who had by her first marriage a daughter Mary who married Charles Lovell.

His will at Elmira is in Vol. 19 page 574
Will of Abram B. Minier dated Dec. 29, 1906, probated April 1, 1909. His property is left to his step-daughter, Mary Lovell wife of Charles Lovell who is appointed executor. Preamble of the will dated March 10, 1908 names the next of kin as:
William H. Minier, brother, Elmira, N.Y.
Samuel J. Minier, brother, Elmira
Fatima Howell, sister, Elmira
Ira Minier, brother, Milan, Pa.
Margaret Woolcot, sister, Portland, Mich.
Mary Miller, niece, Elmira
Arthur M. Breed, nephew, Corning, N.Y.
Hattie Steele, niece, Tioga, Pa.
Belle Snyder, niece, Elmira
Ernest Smith, nephew, Elmira
Harry Smith, nephew, Elmira
Alice Smith, niece, Elmira
Nellie Webber, niece, Big Flats, N.Y.
Hattie Smith, niece, Big Flats
Mary Phillips, Hendy Creek, N.Y. niece
William Smith, nephew, Hendy Creek, N.Y.

127613 Lorinda Minier, daughter of Samuel

Lorinda Minier was born Dec. 12, 1830 in Big Flats and died May 18, 1906. She married August 16, 1849 James Truesdale of Catlin, N.Y. After his death she married Dec. 27, 1857 Dayton C. Kimball. Children:

Sidney Truesdale who died before 1857

Mary Kimball who m. Chas. Miller; oh: Ray, Flora, Rob't Miller

127614 Ira Minier, son of Samuel

Ira Minier was born April 24, 1833 in Big Flats and died March 6, 1911. He married Sarah Park born Sept. 4, 1833 a daughter of Joseph Park, a farmer who lived near Waverly, N.Y. She died Oct. 3, 1919 the same day her nephew Arthur Breed died. The Ira Minier family lived in Big Flats, N.Y. until about 1873 then moved to Green's Landing near Milan, Bradford Co., Pa.

Their children:

1276141 Florence Minier born May 8, 1862 married Aug. 3, 1894

Robert Flood who died July 9, 1942; children

Harry Flood born June 13, 1895
died Jan. 27, 1907

- Alice May Flood b. Aug. 14, 1898 m. George Crane of Pine Valley, N.Y. children:
 Virginia Crane b. Nov. 28, 1927
 Gerald Crane b. Jan. 11, 1929
 Edgar Crane b. Feb. 10, 1932
 Edna Lucy Flood b. May 17, 1906 m. Richard Van Orman July 9, 1942
- 1276142 Eddy Bennett Minier b. Oct. 9, 1868 d. Mar. 31, 1933 lived in Athens, Pa. married Edith Roberta Page, on Sept. 25, 1895. She was b. Nov. 12, 1872 - d. June 14, 1934; children:
- 12761421 Emma Minier b. Jan. 14, 1897 - d. Dec. 25, 1911
- 12761422 Walter Page Minier b. Mar. 22, 1905 married July 9, 1942 Julia Orr of Sayre, Pa.
- 12761423 Arthur C. Minier b. Aug. 28, 1916 married Marian Roseman; child:
- 127614231 Joseph Minier

Ira and Sarah Park Minier are buried in Tioga Point Cemetery near Athens, Pa.

- 127615 Hannah Minier, daughter of Samuel Hannah Hopper Minier named for her grandmother Hannah (Anna) Hopper, the daughter of Cornelius and Hannah (Anna) Reckwell Hopper was born March 26, 1836 and died Sept. 24, 1899. She married James Monroe Breed the son of Paul and Betsey Ingalls Breed, born Aug. 22, 1834 and died Nov. 1, 1904. James and Hannah Breed were married Nov. 10, 1857 and their children were:
- Hattie Telina Breed b. May 25, 1861 - d. Mar. 9, 1932 married Frank O. Steele b. Mar. 12, 1857 - d. Aug. 30, 1938 children:
 Clara Belle Steele living Corning, N.Y. Route 1, Box 342
 Sidney Breed Steele " " " "
- Lila Belle Breed b. Nov. 18, 1859 - d. Sept. 3, 1938 married Harry B. Snyder; lived in Elmira, N.Y.; children:
 Walter Snyder of Elmira, N.Y.
 Maude Snyder
 Helen Snyder
- Arthur Minier Breed b. May 19, 1863 - d. Oct. 3, 1919 Married Effa P. Thompson; lived in Corning; children:
 Paul Breed Of Corning, N.Y.
 Monroe Breed Of Corning and Albany N.Y.
 Eben Breed of Garden City, N.Y.
 Ida Breed m. living N.Y. City

James and Hannah Minier Breed are buried in the Rural Home Cemetery in Big Flats

127616 Margaret Minier, daughter of Samuel
 Margaret Minier was born Aug. 23, 1837 in Big Flats, N.Y.
 -died Aug 12, 1916. She married Justus N. Woolcott June 16,
 1858. They lived for a time in Portland, Michigan and Justus
 Woolcott died there. Margaret Woolcott died in Elmira and is
 buried in the Big Flats Cemetery. Children:
 Ida Woolcott died early.
 Samuel Woolcott died aged about 22 years

127617 Fatima Minier, daughter of Samuel
 Fatima Minier was born Aug. 4, 1839 in Big Flats, N.Y.
 and died in Elmira November 30, 1910. She married March 20,
 1860 Daniel Everts Howell, son of Jeremiah and Asenath Everts
 Howell. The home of Daniel and Fatima Howell was in the angle
 of what is now Hart Street and West Hill Street with the house
 which is yet standing facing West-Hill Street in Elmira. Children:
 Fred Minier Howell born Nov. 25, 1860- died April 29, 1934
 married Mari Louese Hunter -lived in Elmira- 1 child:
 Hazel Hunter Howell
 Sidney Llewellyn Howell b. March 6, 1866- d. Nov. 5, 1938
 married Jennie Preswick- lived in Ithaca, N.Y.- 2 ch:
 Sidney Preswick Howell
 Helen Ilsa Howell
 Chester Everts Howell b. Aug. 12, 1867- living in Elmira, N.Y.
 married Marion Connor in Manistique, Mich.- 4 children:
 Jessie Everts Howell
 Edith Louese Howell
 Everts Howe Howell
 Chester Everts Howell Jr.
 Daniel and Fatima Howell are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery
 in sight of their West Hill Street home.

127618 William Henry Minier was born July 1, 1841 in Big Flats
 and died March 11, 1930 in Elmira, N.Y. He married Hannah Hall;
 They had no children.

127619 Pantha Minier, daughter of Samuel
 Pantha Minier was born Sept. 26, 1842 in Big Flats, N.Y.
 and died June 17, 1890; married William Smith Sept. 23, 1868; ch:
 Nellie Roxanna Smith b. Jan. 19, 1870 at Big Flats, married
 Frank Webber; children
 Julia, (d. before 1943) Edith; Roy John and Ethel Webber
 Alice Telina Smith b. May 6, 1871 at Ulster, Pa married
 Daniel B. Steele; ch: Sarah Steele
 Ernest Monroe Smith b. Oct. 22, 1875 at Ulster, Pa. married
 Fannie Sargent; children:
 Clarence Sargent Smith
 Earl Sargent Smith (d. before 1943
 Ernestine Smith " "
 Margaret Smith " "

William Henry Smith b. Oct. 1, 1877 at Ulster, Pa. married Mary Murphy; no children

Harriet Belle Smith b. Oct. 26, 1879 at Garfield, Kansas married Willis Smith; ch: Marian Smith; Carlos Smith (twins)

Harry Minier Smith b. Oct. 26, 1879 at Garfield, Kansas married Lula Stewart; no children

Mary Annis Smith b. Dec. 16, 1882 at Tiega, Pa. married Arthur Phillips; children: Lucile; Eva; Alice; (d. before 1943) and Mabel Phillips

12761.10. Samuel John Minier, son of Samuel

Samuel J. Minier was born May 25, 1845 in Big Flats and died in 1925 in Elmira, N.Y. He married Lucy Davey; no children. His will dated Dec. 12, 1916 names his wife's sister, Lois Holley and nephews and nieces of himself and his late wife as: Fannie Welles, William Davey, Jessie Rockwell, Edna Holley, Frank Holley, Sam M. Holley, Seth Holley, Kenneth Holley, Ernest Smith, William Smith, Nellie Webber, Alice Steel, Hattie Smith, Mary Phillips, Eddy Minier, Florence Flood, Arthur Breed, Hattie Steele, Belle Snyder, Chester Howell, Fred Howell, Sid Howell, Mary Lovell; and his brother William H. Minier as well as others with no relationship named. (Will Vol. 29, page 182 at Elmira, N.Y.)

Summary (continued from page 26)

12761 Samuel Minier b. 1804 (son of Abraham) m. Telina Bennett children:

127611 Christiana Minier b. 7-21-1827

127612 *Abraham Bennett Minier b. 4-5-1829

127613 *Lorinda Minier b. 12-12-1830

127614 *Ira Minier b. 4-24-1833

127615 *Hannah Hepper Minier b. 3-26-1836

127616 *Margaret Minier b. 8-23-1837

127617 *Fatima Minier b. 8-4-1839

127618 *William Henry Minier b. 7-1-1841

127619 *Pantha Minier b. 9-26-1843

12761.10. *Samuel John Minier b. 5-25-1845

12761.11. *Sabrina Minier 9-8-1847

127614 Ira Minier b. 1833 m. Sarah Park; children:

1276141 *Florence Minier b. 5-8-1862

1276142 *Eddy Bennett Minier b. 10-9-1868 married Edith R. Page; children:

12761421 Emma Minier b. 1-14-1897- d. 12-25-1911

12761422* Walter Minier b. 3-22-1905

12761423* Arthur C. Minier b. 8-28-1916 m. Marian Roseman; child:

127614231 Joseph Minier

* indicates further records

12763 Henry Minier, son of Abraham

Henry Minier was born June 29, 1808 and died April 53, 1873. He married before 1831, Lorinda Bennett, a daughter of Abraham and Peggy Burt Bennett, and sister of Telina Bennett, the wife of Henry's brother, Samuel. She died Oct. 30, 1857. He married as his second wife between 1860 and 1863, Sarah S.-- who was alive in 1873 at the time of his death.

The 1860 Federal Census for the Town of Big Flats, Chemung County, N.Y. gives his age as 51, and describes him as a Magistrate, living alone.

In his will dated June 29, 1863, his age is given as 55 years and his wife, Sarah S. Minier, is named sole Executor. The Petition, dated July 23, 1873 names Samuel Minier of Big Flats, his brother Christian Minier of Southport, his brother William S. Minier of Walla Walla, Wash, Terr., his brother Abraham Minier and Celia Minier, his nephew and niece, children of Ira Minier, deceased, residing at Davenport, Iowa.

In the Big Flats Cemetery are stones that were erected in memory of Henry and Lorinda Minier, probably by the Bennett family as Lorinda's relationship to them is given on hers. Henry Minier's year of birth is given as 1810, evidently an error.

Ira Minier, son of Abraham

12764 Ira Minier, whose given name came from his mother's side of the family, was born Aug. 21, 1810 and died before July 23, 1873 when his name is mentioned in the petition filed in the probating of his brother's Henry's will. He married Amanda --- and was living with his family in Big Flats at the time the 1850 Census was taken. His name is not found there in the 1860 Census. The 1850 record is as follows with the serial numbers added, as well as the probable year of birth
Dwelling #266 town of Big Flats, Chemung County, N.Y.

	Ira Minier age 40 born N.Y.	(born 1810)
	Amanda Minier age 31 born Pa.	(b. about 1819)
127641	Abram Minier age 9 born Pa.	(b. about 1841)
127642	Mary Minier age 3 born N.Y.	(b. about 1847)
127643	William Minier age 2 born N.Y.	(b. about 1848)
127644	Frances Minier age 4 months b. N.Y.	(b. 1850)

Fatima Minier's Howell's records of the family of which Ira was a member give the names of his children as Abram, Mary C. and Frank. And the petition filed with Henry Minier's will refers to the children of the deceased Ira (in 1873) as Abram and Celia Minier residing in Davenport, Iowa. Possibly Mary C. and Celia were the same. But Frances is marked in the 1850 census records as being feminine while the Frank found in Fatima's records is assumed to refer to a son. Both were probably not alive in 1873.

12767 Christian Minier, son of Samuel Christian Minier, was born September 30, 1818, and died later than Sept. 15, 1873 when his brother's widow served in person a citation concerning the will of her husband, Henry. He married (according to the records of one of his daughters), Marilla Stanton. The records of Fatima Minier Howell give her aunt's name as Marilla Babcock, which suggests that Marilla was a young widow when she married Christian Minier. Their children's names and approximate ages are found in the 1850, 1860 and 1870 census records of the town of Caton, Steuben Co., N.Y. their farm being just west of the town of Southport, Chemung County, so that they were often referred to, as living in Southport. Children of Christian and Marilla Minier:

127671 Trifena born about 1848. This child's name is found only in the 1850 census, and is not listed among her sister's by the daughter Emily from whom a large part of these records came.

127672 Hannah Christina Minier born about 1849 died before 1943 She married H.W. Miller- lived Elmira, N.Y. and Detroit, Mich.

127673 Chester Minier born about 1853; moved to Colorado Springs, Colo. and then to California; married ; was killed in an accident on the way to Alaska in the gold rush period; children:

1276731 a daughter

127674 Frank B. Minier born about 1855; lived in Elmira, N.Y. died between 1938 -1943; married Elizabeth O.--; child:

1276741 *Roy Minier of Atlanta, Ga. (1942) m. Lillie-lee

1276742 Harry Minier

127675 Louella Minier born about 1857; married ---Shainholdts and lived near Niagara Falls, Canada

127676 * Emily Minier born 1864; married Lucien Berry born 1863

127677 Stanton L. Minier born about 1868; died about 1938; lived in Elmira; married Anna --- ; child:

1276771 a daughter who died about 1940

127676 Emily Minier born 1864, married Lucien Berry, born Caton N.Y. November 29, 1863, the son of Samuel and Olive E. Read Berry. Lucien Berry was at the time of his death in December 1938 a retired Brigadier General, U.S.A. with a notable past. The home of his retirement was Corning, N.Y. Children:

Marilla Minier Berry who married Col. Thomas W. Brown; in 1942 on R.O.C.T. duty at the Univ. of North Carolina at Raleigh; children: Emily, Anne and Thomas Brown Jr.

Olive Elizabeth Berry who married Col. Robert C. McDonald -on duty in 1942 in Washington, D.C. Children:

Robert C. McDonald

Lucien Berry McDonald

J. Gordon McDonald

Henry Stanton McDonald

Olive Elizabeth McDonald; deceased

Emily Minier Berry who married Col. John W. Sherwood

a Medical Officer on duty in 1942 at Panama; oh:
 Emily Sherwood (Hansen) oh: Sue and Peter Hansen
 Sue Sherwood (Wood) oh: Oliver E. Wood the widow
 James Millaway Sherwood. They had no
 John Wesley Sherwood, Jr.
 Col. Lucien S.S. Berry - in 1942 on duty at Camp Murphy,
 Florida; married Juanita B-----; no children. Born
 Lucy Stanton Berry who married Maj. Thomas Fox, retired,
 of Palo Alto Calif.; oh: Thomas Fox, Jr.
 Helen Marguerite Berry, Corning, N.Y. married Edward E.
 Garner; oh:
 Edward S. Garner
 Stanton Berry Garner

1276741 Roy S. Minier, son of Frank, in 1942 was living at
 290 Argonne Drive, Peach Tree Heights, Atlanta, Ga.;
 was the N.Y. Life Ins. Co. inspector of agencies for
 that territory; he married Lillie Lee

An 1880-82 directory of Elmira, N.Y. lists Christian
 Minier, a farmer, living on South Broadway near the city limits.
 A map in the front of the directory shows that the city limits
 crossed South Broadway at South Ave. and that South Broadway
 was called the Bulkhead Road outside of the limits. As this
 same directory names two of Christian's sons, Frank and Stanton
 Minier, also as residing on South Broadway "near the city limits"
 it is to be assumed that 12767 Christian Minier lived until
 after 1880.

12768 William Stephens Minier, son of Abraham
William S. Minier was born Jan. 31, 1823 and died in
Waitsburg, Washington June 17, 1898. He married the widow
Rosemary L. Haven Platt in Illinois about 1874. They had no
children.

Among letters in the possession of Chester Howell of
Elmira, N.Y. is one dated May 24, 1883 which is signed by Will-
iam S. Minier then living in Waitsburg, Washington. It is in
answer to letters of inquiry concerning the advisability of his
nephew's (Fred Minier Howell's) coming to Washington to start
his business life. It contains a very restrained but favorable
discription of life and conditions in the west at that time.

By means of the address on this letter, communication
through the postmaster of Waitsburg, started a correspondence
with Mrs. W.B. Clifton of Seattle, Washington, a grandniece of
William Minier's wife. From her the following information came.

William S. Minier married the widow of Judge Platt of
early California days- of Nevada City, California. She had
been Rosemary L. Haven. Her marriage to William Minier took
place in Illinois about 1874. About 1875 they went to Utah
where in Bingham City William Minier, a doctor of medicine, pract-
ised in a mining camp. They then went to Walla Walla, Washing-
ton where he practised for one and a half years, 1876-7. From
there they moved to Waitsburg, Washington and settled. With
them came the mother of Mrs. Clifton, Jessie Harback, a niece
of Rosemary Minier. Jessie Harback was married at the Minier
home. In Waitsburg William Minier practised medicine; and al-
though not an ordained minister preached in the church when
there was no pastor; was justice of the peace; and in 1884 was
the Mayor of Waitsburg.

In the Waitsburg, Washington Cemetery are these inscriptions:
Mr. W.S. Minier died June 17, 1898 aged 75 years, 4 months, 17 days
Mary Minier died Nov. 21, 1897 aged 68 years, 2 months, 17 days

Susanna Minier, daughter of Christian, was born July 9, 1785 and baptized in Christ Church, Hamilton township, Northampton Co., Pa.; she died later than March 1871 and was buried near West Union, Illinois. She married James Dolson, born about 1783, the youngest son of Tunis Dolson (1735-1799). They were married Sept. 27, 1807 by Judge John Miller of New town (now Elmira) Tioga Co., N.Y. and before 1818 Susanna went with her husband to Illinois. James Dolson served 57 days in the War of 1812, his enlistment being from Elmira, N.Y.

He died in Illinois Aug. 27, 1828 and in 1930 his grave-stone and that of Susannah were standing in York Cemetery near West Union on the bank of the Wabash River.

In 1855 Susannah Dolson received in Clarke County, Illinois where they had settled, a reward for the 1812 service of her husband, in Bounty Land. (# B.L. Wt. 44167-120-55 filed in the U.S. Archives) An application made by her in 1871 for a pension (# W.O. 900 filed in the U.S. Archives) was rejected because her husband's service had been three days short of the minimum 60 day service required.

James and Susanna Dolson lived at what was known as Dolson Prairie and at York on the Wabash River, Clark Co., Ill. Their children (12):

- 1- Tunis Dolson was born in N.Y. State Dec. 26, 180(8?); He died before the 1870 census; married Dec. 10, 1835 Cynthia Beall who was born about 1816 in North Carolina.
- 2- Jacob Dolson was born in N.Y. State May 15, 1809; died October 27, 1866 in Clarke Co., Ill. (The 1870 census names the widows and children of both Tunis and Jacob Dolson - found in York township, Clark Co., dwellings #92 and 156) Jacob Dolson married July 2, 1843 Harriet Wilson who was born about 1829 in Kentucky. She died July 9, 1904 and is buried in West Union Illinois.
- 3- Samuel Dolson was born in Tioga County, N.Y. May 27, 1811; died Feb. 11, 1860 and was buried in West Union, Illinois. He married Oct. 1840 at Walnut Prairie, Ill, Polly A. Cooper born Butler Co., Kentucky Dec. 21, 1821.
- 4- Sarah Dolson was born Sept. 10, 1813; died later than the 1870 census; married Jonathan Niles Rathbone June 20, 1839. Their children died in infancy.
- 5- Charles Dolson born June 5, 1815 died in infancy
- 6- Mary Ann Dolson born Aug. 5, 1816 married George Wilson March 29, 1838. They had six children.
- 7- David H. Dolson born Aug. 27, 1818; died Feb. 5, 1877. He married Amanda Handy who was born March 10, 1826 and died Aug. 28, 1853. David was born in Illinois.
- 8- Christena Dolson born July 15, 1820
- 9- Moses Chambers Dolson born in Illinois March 3, 1822, died Nov. 28, 1898. He married (1) Esther Ann Gorham born April 6, 1842; died Nov. 14, 1869; married (2) Caroline Prevo.
- 10- Elizabeth Dolson born Oct. 16, 1824 at Quaker Lane, Crawford County, Ill.; died at West Union May 12, 1908. Unmarried.

- 11- Katherine Dolson, born May 19, 1826; married Jerathniel Maxwell. They had four children.
 12- James Dolson born Nov. 25, 1828; died in childhood.

The children of some of these sons of Susanna Minier Dolson are as follows (found in the 1860 and 1870 Clark Co., Ill. census records for the township of York.)

Tunis Dolson b. about 1808 m. Cynthia Beall; children:
 James Dolson born about 1839 m. Minerva--
 William H.D. Dolson born about 1841
 Melinda Dolson born about 1844
 Reason Dolson born about 1848
 Sarah A. Dolson born about 1849
 Mary E. Dolson born about 1853
 Susan F. Dolson born about 1854
 William Dolson born about 1855 (children were all b. in Ill.)

Isaac Dolson b. 1809 m. Harriet Wilson; children:
 Ida Mae Dolson b. March 3, 1845; died Camden, N.J. April 5, 1928; buried Arcola, Ill. beside her husband Capt. William Watts Davis (Co. K, 79th Ill. Vol. Inf. Civil War); six children, the youngest being:
 Frederick K. Davis, 1193 Pearl St., Eugene, Oregon, from whose records came the birthdates and gravestone inscriptions of the Dolson family.
 Charles Dolson born about 1849 in Illinois
 Mary D. Dolson born about 1855 "
 William Dolson born about 1858 "
 Henry Dolson born about 1860 "
 Rosa Dolson born about 1863 "
 Walter J. Dolson born about 1866 "

Samuel Dolson b. 1811 m. Polly A. Cooper; children:
 James Dolson born June 23, 1842 Clark Co., Ill; was in 1891 a Doctor in Pimento, Vigo Co., Ind.; married Amanda Montgomery; son: Vern K. Dolson of Pimento, Ind.
 Helen Dolson b. about 1848 in Illinois
 Lenora A. Dolson born about 1850 in Illinois
 Mary A. Dolson born about 1853 in "
 Nancy B. Dolson born about 1855 "
 Theocsa Dolson born about 1858 "

David H. Dolson b. 1818 m. Amanda Handy; children:
 John Dolson born about 1850 in Illinois. He taught school in 1870 in York township, Clark Co., Ill.
 Zachariah Dolson born about 1856 in Ill.

Moses C. Dolson b. 1822 m. (1) Esther Ann Gorham; children:
 Henry Clay Dolson born about 1864
 Rush Dolson born about 1868, died early

(There were probably other children, since these name only those who were living with their parents during the years 1860 and 1870)

1279 Christian Minier Jr. son of Christian Minier. Christian Minier Jr. was born December 3, 1789 in Big Flats, the first white child born in that valley. He died January 24, 1868 in Thurston, Steuben County, N.Y. Before moving to Thurston, he lived in the town of Southport, the township across the river to the south of his father's home in Big Flats. He married before 1810 and although the name of his first wife is not known, his children by her were Abram, born about 1810; another son born between 1815 and 1820; and Mary who married a Stevens. Children;

- 12791 Abram Minier born in Big Flats about 1810 married Louisa Knapp in 1830. In 1850 he and his family were living in Wells township, Bradford County, Pa. This record gives the birthplace of Abram, his wife Louisa, and the daughter Sarah as N.Y. state. The other children up to that date (Oct. 1850) were born in Penna. Abram died 6-26-1885. Oh:
- 127911 Sarah Minier b. 9-14-1831 d. 4-27-1913 m. James Corzette.
 - 127912 James Minier b. 8-13-1833
 - 127913 Helen Minier b. 7-22-1836 m. John V. Bumstead
 - 127914 Lorinda Minier b. 10-8-1838 m. Julius Ray
 - 127915 William Christian Minier b. 6-5-1839 d. 1903 m. Mary Shanley
 - 127916 George Henry Minier b. 10-16-1841 m. Mary Eggelston
 - 127917 Mary Emily Minier b. 12-11-1843 m. Joseph Lewis
 - 127918 Martha Elizabeth Minier b. 7-16-1846
 - 127919 Catherine Louise Minier b. 5-7-1848 d. 1878 m. Levi Roadhouse
 - 12791.10. Harriet Grace Minier b. 11-12-1849 m. Joseph Rugh
 - 12791.11. Carrie Belle Minier b. 5-31-1853 d. 11-28-1885
 - 12791.12. Laura Gertrude Minier b. 1-26-1856 m. James A. Parkins of Los Angeles, California; children: Helen, Susan, Louise and Dorothy Parkins.

12792 -----Minier, a son born between 1815 and 1820
 12793 Mary Minier born between 1815 and 1820; m. ---Stevens

Christian Minier Jr. married as his second wife Polly Brong in April 1825. She was born Feb. 5, 1794 and died Dec. 15, 1859 in Thurston, N.Y. Their children were:

- 12794 Joel Minier born 8-3-1826 died 12-8-1856 married 6-10-1850 Alvira J. Smith. No children.
- 12795 Phebe Minier born 2-15-1828 died May 1905 m. 10-28-1847 William A. Martin (2- Isaac Warwick in 1871.; children: Alice Adelia Martin b. 4-1-1859 d. Dec. 1942 m. (1) E. Warwick (2) J. Holden; lived in Thurston, N.Y.; had 10 children.
- Ida Gertrude Martin Martin b. 7-29-1863 d. Oct. 1940 m. 7-13-1881 Luther G. Severance b. 12-18-1861 d. before 1934; lived in Thurston, N.Y. until 1887 then in Seattle, Washington. 1 child: Grace Severance who m. and has 2 children
- Laura Gertrude Martin b. 1-3-1866 d. 9-26-1934 m. Jan. 1888 Frank Eddy McLaughlin b. 5-22-1846 Booneville, N.Y. d. 2-14-1924. Their children:

- Florence Eddy McLaughlin b. Seattle, Wash. 11-12-1888 address Seattle Public Library, Librarian.
 Frank Eddy McLaughlin Jr. b. 4-23-1892 d. 9-4-1920 in Reek Springs, Wyo. m. Sept. 1918 Isabel Flint; oh: Isabel Rosemary McLaughlin b. 8-24-1919 m. 11-27-1942 Errol Anderson
 Earl Eddy McLaughlin b. Seattle 2-7-1895 m. July 1934 Helen D. Yerk of Tacoma, Wash. No children.
 12796 Elizabeth Minier born 7-16-1831 died 10-23-1879 married James J. Martin (m. 1-1-1850) a brother of William who married her sister Phebe. They lived in Thurston, N.Y. and in Osceola, Tioga County, Pa. 5 children:
 James Harvey Martin born 11-6-1852 m. Emma Park
 William Henry Martin b. 7-13-1856 m. Ella Fay
 Nellie Polly Martin b. 12-10-1859 living 1940 in Addison, N.Y.; married Albert Loper; no children.
 Clarence Chris John Martin b. 8-17-1861 m. Dora Spencor
 Carrie Ophelia Martin b. 5-9-1864 m. David Phillips
 12797 Almira J. Minier born 4-19-1837 died 2-12-1878 m. 8-17-1864 William Pugsley. No children.

The above records concerning the second marriage of Christian Minier Jr were in 1940 in the possession of Mrs Albert Loper of Addison, N.Y. and Miss Florence McLaughlin, Librarian, Public Library, Seattle, Wash.

Deeds filed at Elmira concerning Christian Jr. and his son Abram Minier are these:

Deeds at Elmira, Chemung County, N.Y.
 Vol. 1, page 179 Christian Minier and his wife Polly of Southport, Chemung County, N.Y. sold April 30, 1837 to William Wells and John Roberts of the same place part of the tract of 1170 acres granted by letters patent to Israel Wells, and purchased by C. Minier from Silas Sprague by deed dated May 30, 1826.

Vol. 2, page 377 - Abram Minier and his wife Louisa of Jackson township, Tioga County, Pa. on July 24, 1837 deeded to William Wells and John Roberts land in the town of Southport, Chemung County, N.Y. conveyed to Abram Minier by deed April 1, 1833 from George Tuthill for Josiah Seely, deceased.

128 Daniel Minier

Having the documents at hand concerning the parentage of Daniel Minier, we present them here. However, it should be noted that they do not agree with the two historical accounts about him found in C. F. Heverly's "Pioneers and Patriots of Bradford County, Pa. (page 184) and in Louise W. Murray's "Tioga Point" (page 578) which state that Daniel was the son of Christian Minier, a persecuted Huguenot. "Tioga Point" was published in 1908 and Mrs. Murray is now dead. However the compiler visited in 1941 Mrs. Murray's home town, Athens, Pa and the extensive historical collection in the Library building, a collection of which Mrs. Murray's daughter has charge. At this time no documents of any kind concerning Daniel Minier were mentioned in the files or could be found by the curator.

In contradiction to these statements that Daniel was the son of Christian Minier, is the correct one in the county history that relates the settlement of Christian Minier, (his brother), which says that Daniel, Abram and Christian Minier were sons of George Minier of Upper Mt. Bethel, Northampton County, Pa. (page 513, Hist. of Tioga, etc. Counties, N.Y. by Pierce and Hurd, pub. 1879) There is no doubt but that these histories, all three, refer to the same Daniel Minier, the early Bradford County, Pa. settler. As has been shown on an earlier page, his grandfather was named Christian Minier,

In concluding that the Tioga County historical account is the correct one, certain data may be cited:

- (1) The age of Daniel given in "Pioneers and Patriots" is that he was in his 74th year in 1822 when he died. This agrees with the birthdate of 1749 for Daniel, the son of George, as found in the Moravian Records.
- (2) The birthdates of the first three children of Daniel of Bradford County are the same as those of Daniel whose children were baptized in the Hamilton township Church, Northampton Co.
- (3) The Bradford County histories say that Daniel Minier came from Northampton Co. Pa, about 1787 or 1789, so agreeing with the account that names his father as George of that county.
- (4) The will of George Minier and deeds in Northampton Co., Pa. indicate that Daniel Minier, a son of George and a brother of Christian and Abram lived there until 1787 and then disposed of the largest part of his property in that county.

128 Daniel Minier who was the first settler in Milan, Bradford County, Pa. was born in Heidelberg township, Lancaster County, Pa. October 13, 1749 and died August 4, 1822 while visiting in Northampton County, although his home was in Bradford County, near the point where the Chemung River flows into the Susquehanna. He married Anna Maria Shafer, called Polly, who died December 4, 1842 aged 95. Their first four children were born in Northampton County, Pa., and were baptized in the Hamilton township Church. Children:

1281 *Johann George Minier born Nov. 17, 1775

1282 *John Minier born Feb. 7, 1777

1283 *Abraham Minier born October 16, 1782

1284 *Daniel Minier born Sept. 21, 1784

1285 Mary Minier

M. Judge John McKean

- 1286 Susan Minier m. John Huy
 1287 Hannah Minier m. Daniel Smith
 1288 Elizabeth Minier b. Jan 3, 1779 m. Jacob Wagner (added by J.H.F.)
 1289 *Elias Minier born Jan. 12, 1787
 128.10. Anna Catherine Minier born 1791 d. Feb. 5, 1816
 128.11. Sally Minier m. Helsey Bird

1281 (Johann) George Minier, son of Daniel, was born 11-17-1775 Northampton Co., Pa. and died 1854; married Susan Cooper, born Providence, R.I. (a sister of Major John Cooper, killed at Lundy's Lane) died 1856. Children:

- 12811 Minerva Minier — m. -----Platt; oh;
 Marian Platt who m. G. Ernest Newman of Canton, Pa
 12812 Maria Minier m. ----- Young
 12813 Abraham Minier m. ----- ; oh;
 128131 James B. Minier of Wooster, Ohio
 12814 Thornton Fleming Minier born Dec. 6, 1824, living 1894 in Painted Post, Steuben Co., N.Y. married May Watts, dau. of Deacon John Watts; child:
 128141 Mary Ida Minier
 12815 Solomon Minier born about 1820 m. Oct. 3, 1850, Henrietta Ohmstead of Athens, Pa. born about 1832; living 1860 in Elmira, N.Y. (Federal Census, dwelling #44); child:
 128151 James Minier born about 1857
 12816 Susan Minier born 1804 died 1866 married 1825 Matthias Lent, born 1800, died 1876; child:
 Adelaide D. Lent born 1828 died 1905 married 1846 Miles F. Ransom b. 1817 d. 1899; child:
 Anna H. Ransom m. Harry Noyes, living 1942
 327 Buffalo Ave., Niagara Falls, N.Y.

1282 John Minier, son of Daniel, was b. 2-7-1777 in Northampton Co., Pa. and d. after 1850 in Princeton, Bureau County, Ill.; married Rachel Brown in 1800; children

- 12821 *Daniel Minier born about 1802 m. Amanda Subert
 12822 Sarah Minier born about 1805 m. (1) Joseph Brooks; (2) Joseph Edmiston; oh;
 Sarah Ann Brooks born 1826 m. Geo. Walker
 Thomas P. Edmiston born 1839
 Mary Jane Edmiston born 1846
 Robert S. Edmiston born 1841
 James M. Edmiston born 1843
 12823 Robert Bruce Minier born 1-18-1808 married Sarah Burt; died at Henry, Ill. 11-10-1894
 12824 Mahala Minier born 8-23-1811 died 10-14-1902 married Perrin Burnham of Chemung, N.Y.; lived on a farm at Ridgebury, Pa.; oh;
 Rachel Burnham b. 3-3-1840
 George S. Burnham b. 9-22-1836 m. Harriet Comfort
 Alice M. Burnham b. 12-22-1850 m. Horace Gillett of St. Edward, Neb. R.R.#3
 Theodore M. Burnham b. 12-10-1843 m. Mary Belle Decker; lived Wellsburg, N.Y. R.R.#2

- Minier, son of John, was born about 1802 and died 50.
- 12825 *George W. Minier b. 10-8-1813 m. Sarah Ireland married Amanda
- 12826 *Theodore Leomis Minier b. 12-16-1819 m. Sarah Vail Maxwell
- 12827 Mary Minier living in Bureau County m. William Hudnut
- 12828 Hannah Minier b. 12-7, 1817, m. John Green m. Watson Cook
- 1283 Abraham Minier born Oct. 16, 1782, son of Daniel, in Northampton Co., Pa.; died Aug. 10, 1865; married Lillia Burch, sister of the Rev. Robert Burch. Abraham Minier was an itinerant preacher for 50 years. Lillia Burch Minier was b. Jan. 12, 1781 and d. March 14, 1840. Their children:
- 12831 *Thomas Minier was born about 1811 m. Matilda Brink
- 12832 Maria Minier m. Justin Merley of Athens, Pa.
- 12833 *Robert B. Minier b. about 1813 m. (1) Mary--- (2) Sarah Burton
- 12834 Ellen Minier m. Andrew Burnside of Ulster, Pa.
- 12835 *Ethan Minier born about 1818 m. Arianne Keller
- 12836 Sarah Minier m. Henry Voiburg of Burlington, Pa.
- 12837 Margaret Minier unmarried
- 12838 *Abraham Minier born about 1828 m. (1)--- (2) Mary---
- 1284 Daniel Minier born Sept. 21, 1784, son of Daniel, was baptized in the Hamilton township Church (Christ Church) Northampton Co., Pa. and died March 22, 1848 in Bradford County; married Almira Price; their children:
- 12841 *Dr. Elizer Price Minier b. 1815 m. (1) Eunice Sherman (2) Millicent Linderberger
- 12842 Chester W. Minier born July 4, 1816 Wysox, Pa. died Mar. 31, 1849
- 12843 Harriet Almira Minier born June 17, 1827 at Wysox; married Rev. O.D. Brooks
- 1289 Elias Minier born Jan. 12, 1787 died after 1850. He married Judith Gore, b. June 17, 1796, dau. of Samuel and Sarah Brokaw Gore; granddau. of Abraham and Judith Davis Brokaw; and g. granddau. of George and Judith Davis. Judith Gore Minier died Sept. 20, 1863. In 1850 Elias and Judith Minier were living in Sheshequin, Bradford Co., Pa. (Federal Census Dwelling #55) Their children were all born Bradford Co., Pa.
- 12891 *Sylvester Minier born about 1823; m. Christina Russell
- 12892 *Samuel Minier born 1825 m. (1) Amanda Merley (2) Lodema Vanoise
- 12893 Sarah Minier born about 1828 m. Daniel Miller
- 12894 Mary Minier born about 1831 died unmarried
- 12895 Daniel Minier born about 1835 m. Martha Riddle
- 12896 *Lorenzo Dow Minier born June 30, 1839 m. Sarah Swain

(See Rev. Pension Application #W 323 Samuel and Sarah Gore in U.S. Archives for ancestry of Judith Gore)

12821 Daniel Minier, son of John, was born about 1802 and died later than 1860, probably in Illinois. He married Amanda Subert, born about 1822. In 1850 and 1860, he and his family were living in Bureau County, Ill. (Federal Census 1850, dwelling # 417, no town given; 1860, dwelling # 2935 Leepertown) In the same dwelling in 1850 lived his father John and his mother Rachel. In 1860, Rachel, yet living, was a part of his family. Children of Daniel and Amanda Minier found in these records:

- 128211 John W.H. Minier born about 1845
- 128212 Rachel Anna H. Minier born about 1847
- 128213 George M.D. Minier born about 1849
- 128214 Ellen Minier born about 1851
- 128215 Oretta Minier born about 1857

12825 George W. Minier, son of John, was born in Milan, Bradford County, Pa. Oct. 8, 1813 and died in Chicago, Ill. Feb. 18, 1902; married Sarah Ireland at Princeton, Ill. 1-1-1839. She was born 11-19-1819 and died in Tazewell County, Ill. 11-22-1897. A very complete account of the descendants of George W. and Sarah Ireland Minier, compiled by Sarah Sanborne Weaver, is to be found in manuscript in the D.A.R. Library in Washington, D.C. Their children:

- 128251 Emily W. Minier b. Bureau Co., Ill. 11-1-1839 d. 1-18-1848
- 128252 * Theodore Leslie Minier b. 5-18-1841 m. Ellen Armington
- 128253 Frances Minier b. 11-18-1842 died 1843
- 128254 Leonidas Minier b. 17-2-1844 d. 6-24-1924 Chicago, Ill
- 128255 * Eliza Jane Minier b. 10-14-1846 m. James Edmiston
- 128256 * Emily Frances Minier b. 1-18-1849 m. John Haley Spears
- 128257 * Imogene Minier b. 8-9-1852 m. George Granby Sanborne
- 128258 * George W. Minier Jr. b. 2-10-1854 m. Mary W. Allensworth
- 128259 * Horace Manh Minier b. 3-31-1856 m. Maria Evelyn Rider
- 12825.10. * Thomas Alexander Minier b. 11-25-1858 m. Mary Eliza-
beth Pumpelly
- 12825.11. * Theophilis Ireland Minier b. 7-16-1862 m. Clara
Rachel Hancock
- 12825.12. * Mary Louella Minier b. 11-2-1864 m. Theodore
Allen Hostetler

12826 Theodore Loomis Minier, son of John, was born 12-16-1819 and died 8-9-1895; married Sarah Vail Maxwell, born 1825 died 1909; children:

- 128261 Charles Platt Minier born 1850 died 1851
- 128262 William Hoffman Minier born 1852 died 1872
- 128263 Hector Maxwell Minier born 1-16-1855 died 10-15-1917 in
Elmira, N.Y. m. Helen Clark; child:
1282631 Theodora Clark Minier who m. James Haverin Hathaway
and lives (1943) 352 Maple Ave., Elmira, N.Y. oh:
Nancy Helen Hathaway b. 1917
Maxwell Hathaway b. 1918

- 12831 Thomas Minier born about 1811, son of Abraham, married Matilda Brink who was born about 1817. They were living in 1850 in Sheshequin, Bradford Co., Pa., with these children:
- 128311 Henry Clay Minier born about 1843 in Penna.
- 128312 Adelaide Minier born about 1846 in Penna.
- 12833 Robert B. Minier born about 1813, son of Abraham, married (1) Mary-- (2) after 1850 Sarah Burton or Barton; children:
- 128331 Lilly Minier born about 1840
- 128332 Hester Minier born about 1842
- 128333 Hannah Minier born about 1844
- 128334 Margaret Minier born about 1846
- 128335 Frank Minier born about 1848
(1850 Federal Census, dwelling #1, Smithfield, Bradford Co. Pa.)
At this time, Sarah Barton, b. about 1826 was in the dwelling;
- 12835 Ethan Minier born about 1818, son of Abraham, married Arianne Keller, born about 1816. In 1850 they were living in dwelling #498 in Athens, Bradford Co., Pa. with these children: (See 1850, dwelling #33 for Elbert's name, not in '60)
- 128351 Elbert Minier born about 1843
- 128352 Justin Minier born about 1845
- 128353 Hewitt Minier born about 1847
- 128354 Clara Minier born about 1849
- 128355 James Minier born about 1852
- 128356 Nelson Minier born about 1855
- 128357 Watson Minier born about 1857
- 128358 Job Minier born about 1859
- 12841 Dr. Elizer Price Minier, son of Daniel Jr., was born 4-14-1815 at Wysox, Pa.; married (1) Eunice Sherman (2) Millioent Linderberger; children by Eunice Sherman:
- 128411 Mary Ellen Minier b. 5-25-1836 d. 1862 m. Edwin Carl
- 128412 Davis Sherman Minier born Sheshequin, Pa.
children by Millioent Linderberger:
- 128413 Lavasoo P. Minier b. Sept. 1845 Columbus, O.; died 11-26-1924; married Sarah B. Garges; children:
- 1284131 Stella Minier b. Zanesville, O. 1874; married Jay Spence
children: Dorothy Spence b. 1898 Pomona, Cal
Jay Spence Jr. b. 1913 and Jane
Spence b. 1913 Los Angeles, Cal.
- 1284132 Chester M. Minier b. Zanesville, O. 1877 m. May Cropin
living 1926 Los Angeles, Cal; children:
- 12841321 Chester C. Minier b. Tucson, Ariz. 1902
- 1284133 De Waite Minier born 1880 Cincinnati, Ohio
- 1284134 Elizabeth Minier born 1885 "
- 128414 Marie Antoinette Minier died early.

12891 Sylvester Minier born about 1823 in Bradford Co., Pa., son of Elias, married Christina Russell who was born about 1827 in Penna. The gravestone of Sylvester Minier in the Sheshequin Cemetery says he died May 12, 1879 aged 56 years and 4 months; in 1870 he was living in Rome township, Bradford County, Pa.; children in this record:

- 128911 Elias Minier born about 1855 in Penna.
- 128912 Eunice Minier born about 1857 "
- 128913 Charles Minier born about 1863 "
- 128914 Newton Minier born about 1869 "
(1870 Federal Census dwelling #30)

12892 Samuel Minier, son of Elias, born about 1825 in Bradford County, Pa. married (1) Amanda Morley born about 1833 in Penna. (2) after 1870 Lodema Vanoise. In 1870 he was living in dwelling # 183, Sheshequin township, Bradford County, Pa. Children from this record:

- 128921 Mary E. Minier born about 1852 in Penna.
- 128922 Frank M. Minier born about 1859 "
- 128923 Jane Minier born about 1862 " m. Snyder,
living Athens, Pa in 1943
- 128924 Daniel Minier born about 1865 in Penna.
- 128925 Sarah Minier born about 1869 "

12895 Lorenzo Dew Minier, son of Elias, was born June 30, 1839 in Sheshequin, Bradford Co., Pa.; died Feb. 22, 1921 at the home of his daughter in Excelsior, Minn. He married Sarah Swain who was born in Chemung, N.Y. about 1849. Before the Civil War Lorenzo with his brothers, Sylvester, Samuel and Daniel went to Minnesota, near Stillwater, but returned upon the outbreak of the War to Pennsylvania to enlist. After the War Lorenzo lived until about 1875 in Sheshequin, Pa. removing from there to Owatonna, Minnesota, and again in 1882 to the Territory of Dakota. Oh:

- 128961 + Fred S. Minier born 1867 m. Ida Cameron
- 128962 Hugh Minier who died in infancy
- 128963 May L. Minier married and living
in Excelsior, Minn. in 1921

128961 Fred S. Minier was born Aug. 31, 1867 in Sheshequin, Pa.; married Ida M. Cameron. In 1943 he was a resident of Brookings, South Dakota, having completed in 1942 eight years as Register of the U.S. Land Office in Pierre, So. Dakota. He had previous to that been State Sheriff. Children alive in 1942:

- 1289611 Earl F. Minier born 1896. In 1943 he was a Major in service overseas; married --- children;
- 12896111 Gene Minier born 1921; in 1942 in service overseas
- 12896112 Mark Minier born 1925; in 1942 in military radio (ser-
- 1289612 Lon D. Minier born 1900; in 1943 removed from (vice
Denver, Colo. to Minneapolis, Minn.; married --- oh;
- 12896121 Norman Minier born about 1925

- 1289613 Laura M. Minier born 1904 married Cecil Welch, a Lt. Commander, Med. Corps, U.S. Navy. In 1942 he was a prisoner of war in the Manila area. Children: a son aged 11 years a daughter aged 2 years
- 1289614 Dorothy I. Minier born 1910; married In 1942 was living in Preston, Idaho where her husband was the owner of a drug store.
- 128252 Theodore Leslie Minier b. 5-18-1841 Putnam Co., Ill. son of George, buried Neco, Pike Co., Ill. m. 8-3-1870 Atlanta, Ill. Ellen Armington b. 3-13-1847 d. 8-17-1925; oh;
- 1282521 Minnie Frances Minier born 5-20-1871 Atlanta, Ill. m. Charles Edwin Stewart born 2-14-1873 in Danville, Ill. Ch: Clifford E. Stewart b. 1906
- 1282522 Clara Armington Minier born 1-17-1875 m. at Minier, Ill. 1-8-1902 Charles E. Swayne b. 1-26-1877
- 1282523 Clifford Lee Minier b. 1-8-1880 Minier, Ill. died Neco, Ill 8-14-1910
- 1282524 George Arthur Minier b. 12-1-1884; lives Pearl, Ill. m. 11-22-1911 Columbus, Ohio, Jeletta McGrew b. 7-24-1888 Thornton, Cook Co., Ill. Children:
- 12825241 Hugh Brownell Minier b. 11-22-1913
- 12825242 Lee Neil Minier b. 7-17-1917 12825243 Mary Ella Minier b. 1-13-1919 12825244 George Dean Minier 9-5-1920
- 128255 Eliza Jane Minier born 10-14-1846 Tazewell Co., Ill. m. her cousin James Edmiston. She died 12-13-1911; oh: Arthur Ray Edmiston b. 2-4-1870 Homer James Edmiston b. 4-23-1872 Walter Hugh Edmiston b. 3-15-1877 Blanche Edmiston b. 7-5-1881 Helen Edmiston b. 11-23-1889 d. 1890
- 128256 Emily Frances Minier b. 1-18-1849 Bloomington, Ill. dau. of George, m. John Haley Spears Jr. b. Olary Grove, Ill; oh: Edith Spears b. Tallula, Ill. 1-26-1871 Florence Spears b. Chicago, Ill 5-16-1885 m. Arthur Toucho Robert Minier Spears, b. Chicago, 1-12-1889
- 128257 Imogene Minier, daughter of George, was b. 8-9-1852 Tazewell Co., Ill. d. 8-26-1906 Phila. Pa.; m. George Granby Sanborne b. 10-15-1852 East Granby, Conn. children: Sarah Minier Sanborne b. Elmira, N.Y. 5-2-1886 m. Walter Gerald Weaver, lives (1941) Donna, Texas George Gates Sanborne b. Elmira, N.Y. 4-6-1888 m. Louisa Amanda Dixon
- 128258 George W. Minier Jr. son of George, born 2-10-1854 Tazewell Co., Ill. resides Oakland, Neb. m. Mary W. Allensworth b. 3-13-1857; children:

- 1282581 Ora D. Minier b. Burt County, Neb. 4-27-1881 m.
August Christensen Holmquist b. 2-8-1875 Oakland, Neb.
1282582 Paul Minier b. 11-8-1882 d. 7-22-1885
1282583 * Lee H. Minier b. 6-26-1884 m. Mabel Renard b. 9-10-1887
1282584 William Eugene Minier b. 7-17-1886 Oakland, Neb., m. 1914
Evelyn Mills b. Neosho, Mo. 12-24-1884
1282585 Helen H. Minier b. 1-21-1896 living in 1926 at Three Rivers,
Idaho

- 128259 Horace Mann Minier b. 3-31-1856 Little Mackinaw, Ill
son of George, residence Waco, Texas (1926) m. 1889
Maria Evelyn Rider b. 5-3-1859 Bunker Hill, Ill. children:
1282591 Justus Arthur Minier b. 4-27-1892 in Waco, Tex. resid-
ing 1926 in Huntsville, Texas
1282592 George Rider Minier b. 1-10-1895 in Waco, McLennan Co.,
1282593 Julian Rider Minier b. 9-12-1897

- 12825.10. Thomas Alexander Minier b. 11-25-1858 Tazewell Co., Ill.
m. 1885 Mary Elizabeth Pumpelly b. 4-26-1861 McLean Co.
Ill. (Thomas was the 10th son of 12825 George) ch:
12825.10.1 William Theophilus Minier b. 6-28-1885 Burt Co.,
Neb. m. Sarah Cora Clark b. 4-17-1885; ch:
12825.10.11 Julia Harriet Minier b. 4-12-1913
12825.10.12 William Thomas Minier b. 11-12-1914
12825.10.13 Imogene Ada Minier b. 9-12-1921
12825.10.14 George Leslie Minier b. 2-24-1923
12825.10.2 Inogene Florence Minier b. 6-28-1885 d. 4-25-1916
12825.10.3 Nan May Minier b. 12-5-1896
12825.10.4 Ella Frances Minier b. 11-22-1888 m. David Corbin
Thurber b. Atlanta, Neb. 8-22-1886

- 12825.11. Theophilus Ireland Minier born 7-16-1862 in Tazewell
Co., Ill. son of George, m. Clara Rachel Hancock b.
Clearfield Co., Pa. 9-18-1868; ch:
12825.11.1 Waldo Bigler Minier b. 9-7-1890 Burt Co., Neb. m.
Florence Fay Fries b. 12-13-1899; ch:
12825.11.11 Clara Marie Minier b. 2-5-19(20?)

- 12825.12. Mary Luella Minier b. 11-2-1864 Tazewell Co., Ill.
daughter of George, m. Theodore Allen Hostetler b.
5-8-1864; residing 1926 Washington, D.C.; ch:
George Minier Hostetler b. Chicago 7-5-1900.
Imogene Henrietta Hostetler b. 2-20-1905

- 1282583 Lee H. Minier b. 1884 m. Mabel Renard Ch:
12825831 Mary Jane Minier b. 3-26-1910
12825832 Andrew Lee Minier b. 4-24-1913

There were two Abraham Miniers who were born in 1762. Both saw service in the War of the Revolution as Rangers, one from Northumberland County and one from Northampton County, Pa.

One Abraham has already been mentioned in connection with his pension application. He was living with his father's family in Northumberland County at Fort Menegar some 16 miles north of Sunbury on the Susquehanna in 1778 - probably earlier. The only war service for which he made claim in his application was for that from Northumberland County under Captain Thomas Campbell. Places of residence later in his life were given as Shelby County, Ohio in 1821; Vermillion County, Ill in 1830 and 1832; and Montgomery County, Ind. in 1832. In 1846 he certified a statement that he was the Abraham Minniewar who saw service for which Certificate #7387 was issued and that his residence for the previous ten years had been in Indiana and before that in Ohio. He died in 1846 or early in 1847.

12.11 Abraham Minier, son of George

The other Abraham Minier who was born in 1762, was the youngest son of George Minier and was born while his parents were living on the Cherry Creek farm in Northampton Co., Pa. His service as a ranger in the War of the Revolution is found on three lists in the printed Penna. Archives under "Rangers on the Frontiers" from Northampton County, Pa for the years 1779-1783. In these lists his name is given as Abraham Minigar in one and Abraham Miner in the other two. In another list given by the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, he is named as a private under Capt. Henry Shoemaker, the muster roll being dated 1781, Northampton County Militia. On all four lists are names well known as residents of Hamilton township and its region. Each of the following names are on two or more of these lists: Jacob Stroud, Abram Wisnor, Aaron Deprie, Jacob Schnell, Phillip Shafer, John Hendy, Lawrence Kunkle, and Abraham Miller. Several of these men, like the Miniers, were early New York settlers in Tioga County after the War was over. Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania was named for the family of Jacob Stroud who was Lieut- Colonel over the Militia District of Mt. Bethel, Hamilton, Delaware, and Upper and Lower Smithfield townships in 1783. In 1779 he and Lawrence Kunkle and Abraham Miller whose names are on these lists, had witnessed the making of George Minier's will.

(Pa. Archives Ser.3, Vol.23, page 300; Ser.5, Vol.18, page 619 also the Wyoming Hist. and Geological Society Vol. 10, chart opp. page 118)

For comparison, the families of these two Abraham Miniers were found in the same census

- 1830 Federal Census Vermillion County, Ill. p. 114 (no town given)
Abraham Minier aged between 60 and 70 years was living with one female aged between 60 and 70
- 1830 Federal Census Tompkins County, N.Y. page 215 lists
Abraham Minier of the town of Lansing, aged between 60 and 70 years, had in his family one female aged between 30 and 40 years and one aged between 10 and 15

12.11 Abraham Minier, son of George

Abraham Minier was born in May 1762 in Northampton Co., Pa. His gravestone near Ithaca, N.Y. in Asbury Cemetery says he died March 22, 1843 aged 80 years and 10 months. He married as his first wife, Anna Maria -- and the baptisms of their first two children are recorded in the Church Book for the Evangelical Community of Hamilton township (Christ Church) of Northampton Co. (now in Monroe County). The birthdate of their eldest son John* Minier is the same as that found in John's Bible now owned by descendants in South Lansing, N.Y.

Abraham Minier married as his second wife, Rachel ----

His children were:

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|---------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 12.11.1 | John Minier | b. Jan. 5, 1784 | d. Feb. 20, 1859 | m. Rebecca Tichner |
| 12.11.2 | Anna Maria | b. Feb. 16, 1785 | d. before 1843 | m. Joseph Knittles |
| 12.11.3 | Barnabas Minier | born about 1788 | m. Matilda-- | |
| 12.11.4 | Daniel D. Minier | b. between 1790 and 1800 | | |
| 12.11.5 | Sylvester Minier | b. about 1810 | m. Mary-- | |
| 12.11.6 | Eliza Minier | | m. Robert Tennant Shaw | |
| 12.11.7 | Nancy Minier | | m. Ives | |
| 12.11.8 | Sarah Ann Minier | (dau. by second wife) | m. Clark | |

It is not known whether Abraham Minier and his family came up the Susquehanna River in 1787 with his brothers, Christian and Daniel, or not. The county history states that he was their youngest brother and the 1790 census shows that an Abraham Minier was living in Pennsylvania near Daniel at that time. This family consisted of 1 male over 16 years; 3 males under 16 years; and 3 females. This would seem to correspond with the ages of the members of his family at that time.

He removed again in 1792 or before, to what is now South Lansing, Tompkins County, N.Y. and buying land of Captain Van Rensselaer, became the first white settler in that region. The place where he settled near Ithaca, N.Y. was then called Libertyville. (Hist of Tioga, etc. Counties, N.Y. by Pierce and Hurd, 1879, page 513)

From 1799 until 1817 this place was in Cayuga County and deeds there (in Auburn) and in Tompkins County indicate the events of his life.

Abraham Minier named as Grantor - Deeds at Auburn, Cayuga Co., N.Y.

Book OF pp. 408, 409, 410 Feb. 1797

Book G p. 418 Oct. 1805

Abraham Minier of Genoa, Cayuga County, N.Y. deeded land to the Trustees of the 19th Common School District - land near Liberty village, April 17, 1815 (Book C, p. 6 Ithaca, N.Y. Deeds) Abraham Minier and his wife Rachel sold part of Lot #83 - land in the town of Lansing, Tompkins Co., N.Y. Mar. 29, 1819 (Bk. B p. 508) Abraham Minier's will was probated April 13, 1843. It mentions his wife as "the mother of his daughter Sarah Ann"; 4 sons: John, the oldest; Sylvester; Daniel D.; and Barnabas; daughters: Eliza (the widow Shaw; Nancy M. Ives; Mary, deceased, wife of Joseph Knittles; Sarah Ann Clark; and the heirs of his daughter Mary.

(Surrogate Vol. D page 295 at Ithaca, N.Y.)

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Family Bible of John Minier (1784-1859)

Marriages

John Minier and Rebecca P. Tichnor was married Jan. 24, 1811.
At Owaseo Feb 24, 1878 Mr. John E. Minier to Mrs Libbie A. Fish

Births

John Minier was born January 5th, 1784
Rebecca P. Tichnor was born June 18th, 1789
Electa P. Minier was born April 23rd, 1812
Maria Jane Minier was born June 25th, 1814
Abraham Ward Minier was born July 2nd, 1816
Catherine Minier was born Aug. 9th, 1818
Eliza Minier was born June 27th, 1820
Susan Minier was born December 17th, 1823
Zenas T. Minier was born Oct. 5th, 1825
Henry K. Minier was born July 8th, 1827
Caroline Minier was born Oct. 22nd, 1830
John Edward Minier was born Feb. 23rd, 183(?) [illegible]
Marian Woodbury was born Mar. 26th, 1841
Susan Woodbury was born April 17th, 1846

Deaths

Catherine Minier died April 4, 1832
Caroline Minier died ----15, 1839
Susan Ann Minier died Dec. 30, 1844
Eliza Norton died Aug. 30, 1850
Rebecca Minier died Sept. 29, 1858
John Minier died Feb. 20, 1859
Electa P. Mallory died April 15, ---
Abram Ward Minier died ----
Henry K. Minier died Nov. 9, 1887
Zenas T. Minier died Dec. 15, 1890
Maria Jane Woodbury died Jan. 21, 1899
John Edward Minier died Nov. 27, 1900

This Bible published Cooperstown, N.Y. 1832 by H.L. Phinney is
now in the possession of a descendant of John Minier,
Ed. Ozmun whose address is Box 24, South Lansing, N.Y. Mr. Ozmun's
farm is a part of the land owned by Abraham Minier, the earliest
settler in that part of Tompkins County, N.Y.

The record from this Bible was copied by the compiler Aug. 14,
1942 at South Lansing, N.Y.

- 12.11.3 Barnabas Minier and his family record may be found in census records for the town of Lansing in Tompkins County, N.Y. in 1830, 1840 and 1850. From these records it may be seen that he had, at the least, the following children; and that his wife in 1850 was Matilda --

Barnabas Minier born about 1788 in Pa.
Matilda Minier " " about 1790 in Mass.

children:

- 12.11.31 a son born between 1810 and 1820
12.11.32 a daughter b. " 1815 " 1820
12.11.33 a daughter b. " 1815 " 1820
12.11.34 a daughter b. " 1820 " 1825
12.11.35 Barnabas Minier born about 1826 in Tompkins Co., N.Y.
12.11.36 Frances Minier " " 1830 " " "
12.11.37 William Minier born " 1831 " " "

(It is unusual to find the county given as birthplace in the 1850 census. As a rule only the state is named)

Records are from the town of Lansing in:-

1830 Census page 207; 1840 Census page 171; 1850 Census page 1083

- 12.11.4 Daniel D. Minier's record is incomplete. He probably was unmarried or a widower when he died in 1849, as the 1840 census record found on page 163, town of Lansing, Tompkins Co., N.Y. lists him as, aged between 40 and 50 years, living with one other male aged 20 to 30 years. Letters of Administration for his estate were taken out Oct, 18, 1849 by John and Sylvester Minier of Lansing. (Vol. 39, page 256 Ithaca, N.Y. Surrogate)

- 12.11.5 Sylvester Minier's family in the 1830 Census consisted of himself, his wife, two boys born between 1825 and 1830 and three girls born in that same period, and also another male and female too old to be their children. These last entries suggest that he had living with him another family. In 1840 Sylvester is not found listed in Tompkins County, but in 1850, there is this record there:

1850 Federal Census, Tompkins County, N.Y. town of Newfield p. 718

Sylvester Minier age 40 years born N.Y. Methodist preacher
Mary Minier age 31 years born N.Y. born about 1819
Daniel Minier age 8 born N.Y. " " 1842

There were probably other children than this one:

- 12.11.51 Daniel Minier born about 1842 in N.Y.

The compiler has in a Minier file additional entries from the 1850, 1860 and 1870 Federal Census records, as well as miscellaneous entries from various sources, which will be searched for those interested who can send on any Minier data for comparison. Also correspondence concerning omissions or inaccuracies would be welcome to the compiler.

All the data contained in the foregoing account of the Minier family is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate as to content.

(Signed)

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day
of October 1943.

Arthur L. Manley
Arthur L. Manley
NOTARY PUBLIC, D. C.
My Commission Expires May 14, 1944

ANDERSON Errol 46 Isabel 46
ALLENSWORTH Mary 51, 54
AMY Mary 35, Sarah 34, 35
APPELGATE --- 24, William 23
ARBOUR Sarah 24, 26, 27
ARMINGTON Ellen 51, 54
AYER Mary 37

BABCOCK Marilla 30, 40

BAIRD Emily 27

BARBER Uriah 15

BARTON Sarah 52

BEALL Cynthia 43

BECK (Peck) Christianna 26, Barbara 8, Johann Jacob 21

BECKEL Ann Eliza 5, 8 Christina 5, 8 G.F. 5, Tobias 5, 8

BENNETT Abraham 32, 35, 29 Lorinda 39 Peggy 39

Telina 30, 32, 33, 38, 39

BERRY Emily 40, Emily M. 40, Helen 41, Juanita 41, Lucy 41,
Lucien 40, Lucian S.S. 40, 41, Marilla 40, Olive 40,
Samuel 40

BEYER Elizabeth 7, Philip 7

BIRD Helsey 49, Sally 49

BITTENBARK Catherine 22

BOSKIRK Henrick 21, Anna Maria 21

BOONE Daniel 4, George 4

BOSSERT Catherine 21, Joh Henrick 21

BRAUN Peter 8

BRECHT Elizabeth 5, Stephen 5

BREED Arthur M. 35, 36, 38 Betsey 36, Eben 36, Hannah 33, 36, 24

Hattie 36, Ida 36, James 24, 33, 36, L.Belle 36, Monroe 36

Paul 36

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BROKAW Abraham 50, Judith 50, Sarah 50

BROOKS Joseph 49, Sarah 49, Sarah Ann 49, C.D. 50, Harriet 50

BRONG --- 24, Polly 26, 45

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BUMSTEAD Helen 45, John 45

BURCH Lillia 50, Rev. Robert 50

BURNHAM Alice 49, George 49, Mahala 49, Mary Belle 49, Perrin

40, Rachel 49, Theodore 49

BURNSIDE Andrew 50, Ellen 50

BURT Peggy 39, Sarah 49

BURTON Sarah 50

CAMERON Ida 53

CAMMERHOF Bishop Frederick 8, 10

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CARL Edwin 52 Mary Ellen 52

CARPENTER Clara 27

CERVAS Johannes 23
 CHRISTENSON August 55 Ora 55
 CLARK Helen 51, Sarah Ann 58, Sarah C. 55
 CLIFTON Mrs. W. B. 42
 COMFORT Harriet 49
 CONRAD Maria Cath. 8
 COOK Hannah 50, Watson 50
 COOPER Maj. John 49, Susan 49, Polly A. 43
 CORZETTE James 45, Sarah 45
 CRANE George 36, Alice 36, Edgar 36, Gerald 36, Virginia 36
 CREPIN May 52
 CUDDEBACK Ella 27

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 DAVY Lucy 34, 38, Wm. 38
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 49, 51, 54, Joseph 49, Mary J. 49, Robert 49, Sarah 49,
 Thomas P. 49, Walter H. 54
 EGGLESTON Mary 45
 ELLISON William 32
 ETTWEIN Bishop John 13,
 EVERTS Asenath 36
 FAY Ella 46
 FISCHER Ann M. 5, John Sr. 5 Jr. 5, Sybilla 5
 FLOOD Alice M. 35, Edna L. 35, Florence 35, 38, Robert 35, Harry 35
 FLINT Isabel 46
 FOX Lucy 41, Thomas 41, Thomas Jr. 41
 FREDERICK Michael 12, Peter 19
 FREY Barbara 8
 FRIES Florence F. 55

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 GENGELBACH Anna Rosina 7, 11
 GERHARD Barbara 5, Frederick 5, 8
 GLAS Mary Ann 5, Nicholas 5
 GLAT Maria 8
 GLAZE John 14, Mary 15
 GORE Judith 50, Samuel 50, Sarah 50
 GORHAM Esther Ann 43
 GRAETER Barbara 5, Jacob 5
 GRAF Brother 9, Sister 9
 GRAY John 2

HACK Catharina 7
 HALL Hannah 37
 HAMILTON Kenneth G. 6
 HANCOCK Clara R. 51, 55
 HANDY Amanda 43
 HANSON Emily 41
 HARBACK Jessie 42
 HARRIS John 24, HASTNER John Theil 22, Regina 22
 HATHAWAY James H. 51, Maxwell 51, Nancy H. 51, Theodora 51
 HAVEN Rosemary 42
 HEES Abraham 27, Charles H. 27, Fred. J. 27, Mary 27
 HEGT Julianna Elizabeth 21, Peter 21
 HELLER ---19, Johannes 22, Luewise 21, Susanna 22
 HENDY John 57
 HENRY Christian 10
 HOLDEN Alice 45, J. 45
 HOLLEY Edna 38, Frank 38, Kenneth 38, Lois 38, Sam M. 38, Seth 38
 HOOK Pastor 7
 HOPPER Cornelius 36, Hannah 26, 30, 31, 36, Hannah R. 36
 HOSTETLER George M. 55, Imogene H. 55, Mary L. 51, 55, Theodore 51, 55
 HOUSE Christian 18, Chatrine (Catharine) 18
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 Daniel E. 33, 34, 37, Edith L. 37, Everts H. 37, Fatima 30,
 33, 34, 35, 37, 38, (Mrs) Fred. 33, Fred 33, 34, 37, 38
 Hazel H. 33, 37, Helen I. 37, Jeremiah 37, Jennie P. 37,
 Jessie 37, (Mari) Louese 33, 37, Marion C. 37, Sidney L. 33,
 34, 37, 38, Sidney P. 37
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 HUEY Abram B. 27, Emma J. 27
 HUNTER Mari Louese 33
 HUT George 21
 HUY John 49, Susan 49
 INGALLS Betsey 36
 IRELAND Sarah 50, 51
 IVES Nancy 58

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JUNCKER Hans 7

KELLER Arianne 50, 52 John 5
KEMPLER (see Camplain)
KIMBALL Dayton C. 33, 35, Lorinda 33, 35 Frank 35 Fred 35 Mary 35
KNAPP Louisa 45 ; KORN Wilhelm 22, Elizabeth 22
KNITTLES Anna Maria 58, Joseph 58
KUNKILL Lawrence 19, 57
KUNZ David 9, Jacob 9, John David 9, Maria Elizabeth 9

LEMBKE Brother 9
LENT Matthias 49, Adelaide 49, Susan 49
LEWIS Joseph 45, Mary E. 45
LINCOLN Abraham 2 Mordecai 2
LINDERBERGER Millicent 50, 52
LOPER Albert 46, Polly 46
LORD Daniel 32
LOUNSBERRY Jesse 32
LOVELL Charles, Mary 35, 38, Nancy 27

MACKMICHEL John 9
MALLORY Electa P. 59
MALTBY Erastus 25, 29
MARKLE Jacob A. 32
MARTIN Alice A. 46, Carrie O. 46, Clarence C. J. 46, Elizabeth 46
Ida G. 45, James H. 45, James J. 46, Laura G. 45, Nellie
P. 46, Phebe 45, William 45, William H. 46

MAXWELL Jerathniel 44
McDONALD Henry C. 40, J. Gordon 40, Lucien B. 40, Olive E. 40,
Rob't C. 40, Rob't C. Jr. 40
McDOWELL John 12, 19
McGREDY Mary Addie 28
McGREW Jolette 54
McLAUGHLIN Earl 46, Florence 46, Frank 45, Frank Jr. 46, Helen
46, Isabel 46, Isabel R. 46,

MEYER Johannes 8
METZGAR Casper 19
MEURER Philip 8
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